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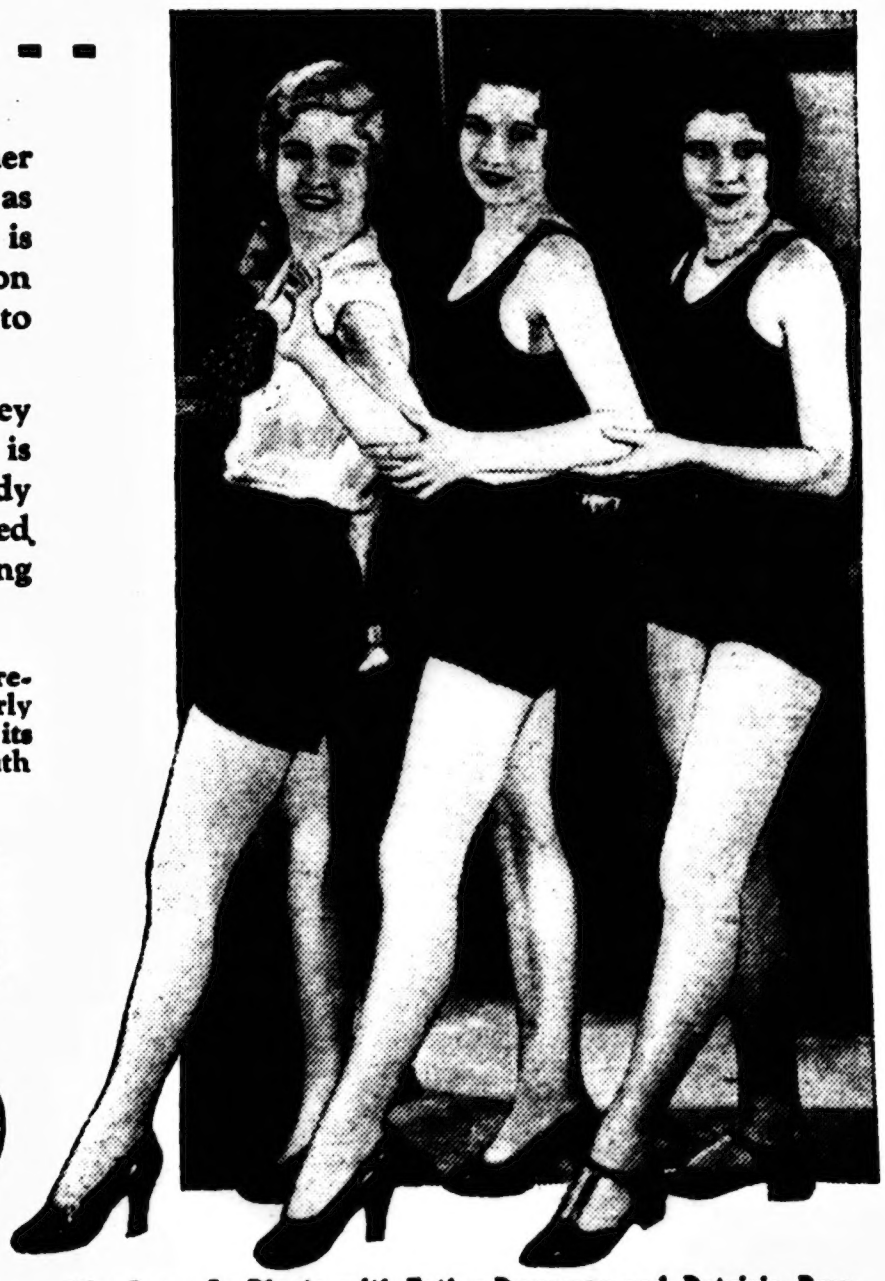

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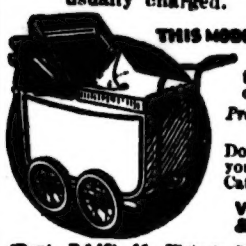

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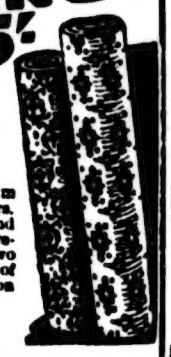

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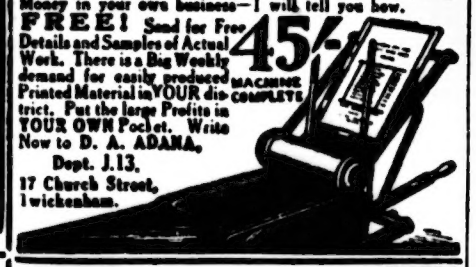

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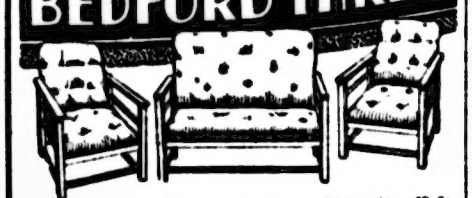

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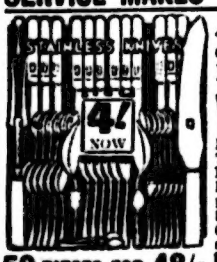

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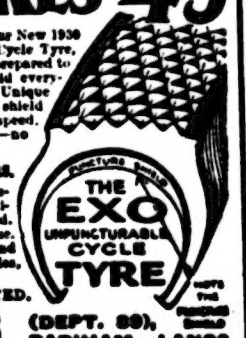

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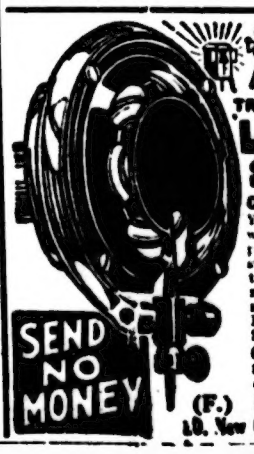

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Big New Trade Contracts for this Year

HERE is already great activity following the signing of the Russian trade agreement.

Plans are being formulated for a Kara Sea expedition.

Seventy ships from England Germany will be led by two ice-kers to the mouths of the great rian rivers to exchange their car- for raw material of all kinds.

ur aeroplanes capable of carrying loads of furs will accompany the edition, which it is estimated will bsent for three months.

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ring contracts this year in Britain likely to exceed £20,000,000.

ready 200 steamers have been char- d on both sides for Anglo-Russian e, and it is estimated that within next five years 300 vessels will be ired for the transport of Siberian duce alone.

Whose friend?

rious allegations are being made Canada against the British Govern-t.

is alleged by influential news-ers in Toronto and Ottawa that t Britain refused the Canadian r of surplus cereals on the ground a purchase of Argentine cereals being contemplated.

his is supported by statements e in the Argentine Senate recently. doesn't sound like Empire re-rocity.

Appeal to the King

e are glad that Mr. Scullin, the trahan Premier, has decided to an enquiry into the grievances of ish settlers in Victoria.

ven hundred of the latter for-ded a petition to the King, which stirred up things a little.

hese emigrants who settled in Vic-a as Crown tenants under the tlement scheme of 1923, complain promises have not been kept and they have been the victims of a nfidence trick.

e have often said so.

Waste of time

When Mr. J. H. Thomas lays his next ite Paper before Parliament it will found that the total value of work emes approved is well over 000,000.

local authorities and public utility emes, including railways, trams, erage, reservoirs, gas and electricity emes will account for £50,000,000, d construction for £26,000,000, and ional development for the rest.

t the pity is that only in a trifling ority of the schemes has the work ally yet begun.

In many cases it will be months, if years, before the local authorities railway companies can begin the k owing to the necessity for pro-ing the necessary private Parlia-tary Bills.

Don't let Tommy rot

The Secretary for War is sensible in ding to reduce the fees payable by ate soldiers for vocational train-courses.

Slander on Royal Navy

Honour Two Giants

Sir W. P. Braithwaite, Adjt.-General, can help

In place of the old flat rate fee of 7s. 6d., lance-corporals and privates will now pay only 5s. a week, and the fee will be graded upward according to rank to a maximum of 10s. for first-class warrant-officers.

The object is to persuade more men to take vocational courses so as to fit them for civil employment.

At present about 2,000 men a year are taking these courses. They represent only about 6 per cent. of the men discharged yearly.

Forestalling death

Many rich men are considering how they may transfer large parts of their prosperity to their children and so escape the payment of the increased death-duties.

If this form of tax-evasion becomes general, the Exchequer will doubtless meet it by introducing a heavily graduated tax on all gifts of property over a certain amount.

In solitary

The abolition of solitary confinement in prisons, which is under consideration by the authorities, is long overdue.

On some people solitary confinement has an effect almost as cruel as the refined tortures of the Middle Ages. Left alone for long periods in blank, whitewashed walls, their minds become unhinged.

A Home Office return of the number of prisoners who, through solitary confinement, have gone mad would be illuminating.

Oil depots

Large sums are about to be spent in constructional work for the Anglo-Russian Oil Company, which is going to erect oil depots along the South Coast, in South Wales and in Ireland.

Tenders have been invited for road and rail rolling-stock. A vessel is being built for carrying oil by sea to various ports.

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Nearly 100,000,000 gallons more oil from Russia was imported last year, in excess of shipments for 1928.

The increasing use of Russian vaporising oil for heavy oil engines on fishing-trawlers is partly responsible for the rapid development.

They must

A slanderous attack on the British Navy is made in a Russian film, "Brulle China," which is being shown in Germany now.

Drunken revels with wine, women and jazz are presented as taking place on board a British warship in Chinese waters.

We deferred to German representations regarding the Nurse Cavell film, though the dramatic facts were unquestioned.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Minister, should use this precedent to induce the German Government to suppress a film which is both affronting and false.

Significant

While our own Government is still undecided whether to assist private flying or leave it severely alone, the French Government has approved a scheme for subsidising the private owner on a curiously princely scale.

Grants are to be made not only to assist purchase, but also to run and maintain privately-owned machines. It is now possible for a French owner to buy and run an aeroplane valued at £750 for no more than £400.

A special subsidy is to be paid for machines of metal construction.

Does all this mean the creation of a powerful subsidiary air force?

A dwindling Order

The recent deaths of the Earl of Balfour and Dr. Robert Bridges, the Poet Laureate, have reduced the number of British members of the Order of Merit to exactly a dozen, instead of the twenty-four which is the maximum.

Sir William deserves it

In these circumstances, the King has it in contemplation to appoint at least two new members when the Birthday Honours appear in June.

As neither the Empire nor British industry is represented in the Order, we respectfully submit the names of General Smuts and Sir William Morris.

Cable danger

A telephone cable is to be laid between Great Britain and America, and we shall probably pay half the cost.

The problem is what country is to have the contract to supply the cable.

Germany and America are likely to compete, but although we make the best cable in the world, we cannot insist on the contract coming to Britain.

You see, in the event of disagreement, the undertakers might offer the partnership and European headquarters to France or Spain instead.

We cannot afford to lose our vital position of telephonic centre of the world for a cable contract.

Distance lends enchantment

Programmes of the coming opera season at Covent Garden show the same old policy of excluding British singers.

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If any English, Scottish, Welsh or Irish singers are ultimately included, they will get only minor parts, at salaries which would be refused by foreigners.

At least two Welsh and one British tenor who have made outstanding reputations on the Continent, and could make fortunes in the United States or South America, have been rejected by the music Mussolinis of Bow Street in favour of Germans and Danes.

No wonder they are bitter.

Adamant

We congratulate Mr. Arthur Henderson on the firm stand he has made against certain unreasonable demands by the Egyptian delegation.

While meeting all practical proposals with sympathy, he has insisted that the defence of Suez, which is essential to the peace of the world, necessitates the presence of British troops on Egyptian territory to the west of the canal.

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This is simply a matter of military common-sense, and our Foreign Office has no intention of giving way by one inch.

A Foch memorial

A memorial to Marshal Foch is to be erected on the site of the famous canteen outside Victoria Station, London, which was known to hundreds of thousands of Service men during the war.

The Duke of Westminster has generously given the site in Grosvenor Gardens, and has arranged for the beauty of the gardens to be enhanced.

The Prince of Wales will unveil the memorial.

Poor old Matthew

Matthew Wellington, Livingstone's old servant and an employee of the Old East Africa Protectorate (now Kenya), is an aged and needy man.

The Governor long ago tried to pension him, but the Imperial Treasury and Colonial Office refused sanction.

Now this opposition has been withdrawn, but a vote of Kenya's Legislative Council is necessary before a shilling can be paid.

Old Matthew Wellington is getting older, and if something is not done to speed matters he will never see that pension.

Half the House

Mr. Tom Groves, M.P., is endeavouring to persuade the Minister of Health to overhaul the Vaccination Acts.

Started the petition

He has been securing Parliamentary signatures to a petition for this purpose, and has already obtained over one-half of the Members of the House from all Parties.

But behind the Minister the powerful medical interests at the Ministry are against any change, and unless Mr. Groves can persuade his 307 M.P.s to turn up and vote in the House, it is doubtful whether anything will be done.

Duster death

When a window-cleaner is killed in the course of his employment, the coroner frequently declares that it was the man's own fault because he did not wear his safety-belt.

But why should a cleaner encumber himself with a belt when there is nothing to which he can hitch it?

In not one house in a hundred thousand are there rings on the wall outside the upper windows.

Window-cleaners' wages are not high. Let every architect of a new building insist on firmly inserted rings outside every window above the ground floor.

That 'drome

An aerodrome for Central London is still being discussed, although the proposal to situate it on top of Waterloo Station was killed by the cost—estimated by engineers at £5,000,000.

Experiments have been made with amphibians and flying-boats to test whether the Thames will serve as a landing-place. Tidal difficulties have proved insurmountable.

The suggestion now being tested is for a special aerodrome bridge—merely a platform across the Thames supported on piers.

No names, no—

For the second time in less than two months the Croydon Insurance Committee has censured a doctor for failing to exercise reasonable care in the treatment of a panel patient.

The doctor failed to diagnose a fractured thigh, did not see the sufferer for another nine days, and allowed a further twelve days to elapse before he saw him again.

The committee refused to accept the doctor's explanation, administered a reproof, imposed a fine, issued a warning, but, as usual, took care not to disclose the name of the negligent doctor.

A man who sells watered milk or unsound meat is not thus protected.

Running dry

Farmers are praying for cheap money as fervidly as on occasion they pray for rain.

A barometer indicating their dire need is the account of the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, formed in 1929 to handle a national scheme for agricultural credits.

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It began business in January last year. By the middle of May it had paid out the whole of the capital available for lending, and by June it had to make an issue of £5,000,000 of debentures.

Up to March of this year it had completed loans amounting to more than £4,000,000, representing 1,374 loans spread over every county in England and Wales except one.

Applications are still coming in by every post.

"If You See It—" *continued*

A man's pal

The Mayor of Keighley (Mr. James Berry) and Mr. Arthur Smith, a fellow-magistrate, are of the right stuff.

When an eighty-two-year-old pensioner came before them for keeping his dog—his only companion—without a licence, they were told that the old man's sole income was his pension.

They could not exempt him from licence duty, but they showed practical sympathy by themselves paying the 10s. fine they imposed.

Not for slaughter

Unlooked-for results are following recent humane agitations against the export of horses. A move is being attempted to limit the export price of horses to a minimum of £25.

This will be a blow to the legitimate breeders and dealers. There are many men in Liverpool and other northern towns who keep a "floating stable" of horses.

When trade is slack they weed out what can be cheaply disposed of and sell them abroad *to work*.

Welsh ponies, too, have been invading Ireland, where they are superseding donkeys.

The proposed law would cripple this business.

Why not girls?

Early in May the Central Committee on Women's Training and Employment is to introduce a scheme for the training of unemployed women over thirty-five years of age.

An excellent arrangement indeed: but it would appear that the scope of such schemes should not be narrowed by an age limit.

Most girls to-day leave school totally unequipped for the future, and only by good luck do they escape blind-alley jobs which offer no prospect.

Petty

We have come to terms with Germany, but not with Mr. T. W. Wagner.

Two of his sons served in the British Army during the war. Seventy-five of his eighty years have been spent in England, mainly Newcastle-on-Tyne.

He has paid his dues to England, and fulfilled all the duties of a British subject. But he has not been naturalised.

And so, grey-haired, bent, and workless, he can claim no old-age pension at four-score years of age.

Something very wrong with the Act.

Frozen out

We are glad that the President of the Board of Trade has decided to make a thorough investigation of complaints about the preference for Asiatic seamen on British ships.

With 21,000 British seamen unemployed, this is becoming a grave problem.

Coloured seamen are signed on because their labour is cheap—and they are engaged on coasting vessels as well as on vessels trading to the East.

We do not allow coal-owners to import Asiatic coolies to work in the mines, and we should not allow British seamen to be driven off British ships by coloured seamen.

Stop their tickets

The card-sharpers who haunt railway trains have been particularly busy of late.

Many complaints have been made, but owing to the refusal of victims to go into court, the police have been unable to prosecute.

The railway police should be able to cope with the pests, many of whom are known. Must these be given tickets?

Protect their clients

Last year no fewer than eleven solicitors were convicted of fraudulent conversion, with no recompense to their victims.

The Law Society is placidly considering the position, but nothing is being done. Meanwhile trusting clients are at the mercy of the black sheep of the profession.

If the lawyers will not institute a system of fidelity insurance, the Government must step in and establish a fund to which all solicitors will be compelled to subscribe.

Shallow justice

Arthur Knapp is a soldier. He was on leave, and rashly cycled without proper lights.

The Gloucester City magistrates fined him 5s. He asked for seven days in which to pay, because he had no money.

But the Bench refused this grace, and sent him to prison for three days.

We suppose that Justice Shallow thought it served him right for daring to be broke.

Splendid

Little Susan Greenan, of Motherwell, ten years old, is one of those heroines—like that other Scots woman who used her arm as the bar of a door to save her King.

She was playing outside her home in Russell Place, when she saw a cyclist bearing down on a tot of three, who was pushing a baby in a pram across the road. So Susan threw herself at the babes, and knocked them into safety.

Her wrist was crushed, and her arm was broken. But there was no scene, and no note in the papers.

Susan did her bit: and when she came to, all she said was, "Are the babies all right?"

The brave lassie!

Jog-jogging

Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck is a half-brother of the Duke of Portland—and he is also a friend of tramps.

"A friend of tramps"

Lord Henry believes that the majority of young people who are tramping the roads to-day became tramps first in their desire to find work.

If they become demoralised, he says, it is due to the vicious system of treatment to which they are subjected in casual wards. We treat the inmates of our prisons better than we treat these wanderers of the roads.

Lord Henry made himself quite unpopular with his Conservative friends for his championship of the tramp. But he persists, and is assisting to organise hostels and training-centres.

Somebody's good

An alarming situation has developed in the United States. It has been discovered that while a huge shipbuilding scheme is in progress, the competent *personnel* is inadequate.

Only 5 per cent. of the U.S. schoolship trainees follow the sea after one or two voyages.

Many of the large liners under the American flag are captained and officered by ex-British or North European liner men who are attracted by the much higher rates of pay.

The master of a cargo vessel receives as much as the skipper of the British liner, while rates of pay for lesser grades are correspondingly higher.

"Margaret shoulders the double burden"

Heroines of the slums

On May 8 the Queen [illegible] the memory of a heroine of [illegible] slums by opening the [illegible] McMillan Training Centre at Deptford.

Rachel and Margaret McMillan were the pioneer of nursery-schools for young children in overcrowded [illegible]. For years they carried on their work in obscurity at Deptford, and in 1931 Rachel McMillan died.

Margaret McMillan shouldered the double burden and by her [illegible] efforts she has made [illegible] Deptford school famous.

Students from all parts of the country now go there for training in the work of nursery-schools.

Number, please

The Borough Council of [illegible] has declared a war on ridiculous house names.

It has sent a notice on blue paper signed by the Town Clerk to all the occupiers of the "Sea Views," "Chez Nous" and "Sunnyside," "The Laurels," officially ordering them to have the street-number of their houses affixed to their garden-gate within seven days.

"A penalty of forty shillings will be incurred in the event of default or compliance with this notice," it adds.

Britons never, never . . .

Six years ago, Mary O'Connell, a child of thirteen years, stole a handbag and its contents from a stall in Monmouth market-place.

She was placed under probation for two years, and found herself in a mental home. She is not mad now, never was mad.

A recent letter of hers shows that she is quite sane, only not educated well, the experts have had her for years.

Her parents want her home, but the experts do not like giving up their prey.

Sheer murder

We demand that a light [illegible] be put up on the dreaded Scarweather rocks off Shetland.

So terrible are they that in generations there is no record of a life having been saved from a ship wrecked upon them.

The latest tragedy—and the worst one—is the wreck of the Aberdeen trawler *Ben Doran*.

The worst of it was that for days some of the crew remained clinging to the rigging within sight of their would-be rescuers, who could not help them.

Mans'aughter

There is still time to [illegible] in the proposed new traffic [illegible] a ban upon pulling up on [illegible] at night.

This on unlighted roads [illegible] cally attempting manslaughter [illegible] driver of an approaching [illegible] turns to pass on his right [illegible] believes to be moving [illegible] land in a ditch or hedge.

GENERAL CROZIER'S *Shameful Book*

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Bloodlust is taught for purposes of war"—Brigadier-General Crozier

"I begin to wonder whether General Crozier has the slightest idea what the British Army is"

No "brute beast" in this splendid fellow

I WISH that **Brigadier-General Crozier, author of "A Brigadier in No Man's Land," had been present at the recent annual dinner of the ...don Branch of the Old ...rade's Association of my ...iment, the Duke of Corn...ll's Light Infantry.**

There he would have seen, ...h their wives and families, ...e 160 of the men whose ...rute-like bestiality which is so neces...y for victory" had helped to win the war—...n in whom the "process of seeing red" had ...n "carefully cultivated"; "men in whom ...had bred vice . . . as one is a corollary of ...other."

I should like him to have seen one of the ...n who served with me twenty-eight years ...bring up to me, with a father's pride, his ...-born little girl.

General Crozier has stated in his book ...t during the first half of 1915 he was busily ...upied in perfecting the military machine ...war.

"I do what I can," he writes, "to alter ...pletely the outlook, bearing and mentality ...over a thousand men in as short a time as ...ible, for bloodlust is taught for purposes ...war, in bayonet-fighting itself and by doping ...minds of all with propagandic poison."

I venture to suggest that possibly some of ...incidents which he relates may have been ...result of his training.

He continues: "German atrocities . . . all ...to bring out the brute-like bestiality ...ch is so necessary for victory."

MAY I suggest that the sinking of one of our hospital-ships conveying wounded from France to England in the English Channel aroused the righteous indig...tion of a nation convinced of the justice ...its cause, and determined to overthrow at ...cost another nation capable of perpetrat...such deeds, and to secure peace for this ...ntry and the world?

Does General Crozier suggest that it was ...rute-like bestiality and bloodlust" that ...mpted the manhood of the nation to flock ...the Colours the day that war was declared?

I begin to wonder whether General Crozier ...the slightest idea what the British Army ...but of one thing I am convinced—it is that ...has never absorbed the fundamental prin...es upon which the British Army is based, ...the methods under which discipline should ...maintained.

So much for General Crozier's mentality as disclosed by himself. And now for his adventures.

It was my unfortunate duty in France from 1914 until I returned to the War Office in February, 1916, personally, with my own hand, to despatch the directions to the unit concerned for the carrying-out of a death penalty.

The document passed through the usual channels (Army Corps, Division and Brigade), and was finally received by the Commanding Officer of the unit for what is called "promulgation."

"PROMULGATION" is in colloquial terms the publication *to the unit* of the result of the trial. It may take the form either of a notification in the general orders of the Force, or of the charge, finding and sentence being read to the unit on parade by the Adjutant, or both.

The sentence itself is normally carried out by the Divisional Provost-Marshal and the firing-squad is taken from the man's own unit.

Whilst I was in France there never was a case of a soldier being shot in the presence of his battalion; but whether it was done in some isolated case after I left I do not know.

And it would be interesting to know whether, in the case of Private Crocker, which he mentions, General Crozier (then himself a Commanding Officer) received orders that the sentence was to be carried out in the presence of the battalion, or whether he took this decision himself.

In any case, he had an Adjutant and a Sergeant-Major, so what was he doing "supervising the preliminary arrangements myself . . . putting the prisoner in a comfortable warm place . . . driving a post in a back garden"?

What was he doing "arranging that enough spirituous liquor was left beside him to sink a ship"?

In connection with this execution General Crozier says that he had a conversation with the chaplain prior to the execution and he used the following words:

"After you have done everything you can for him tell his Company Commander, but I don't think his people should be told; he can go into the 'Died Return.'"

Does not General Crozier know that all court-martial proceedings are returned to general headquarters with a certificate of the Commanding Officer of the unit—himself in this case—that the sentence has been carried out?

Does he not also know that the casualty returns rendered to the War Office disclose the fact that the man has been shot by sentence of general court-martial, and that this information is conveyed confidentially by letter by the War Office to the soldier's next-of-kin?

I notice that General Crozier states that upon the occasion of Crocker's execution he had an officer whom he "put back for trial for cowardice and desertion."

Crocker is found guilty and shot, but General Crozier receives a wire: "Rochdale is to be released from arrest and all consequences."

DOES not General Crozier know what that phraseology means?

It means that the court-martial proceedings have been quashed at general headquarters on account of some technical irregularity in the proceedings.

And yet the innuendo is that the soldier was shot and the officer, guilty of cowardice and desertion, released.

I am afraid I must accuse General Crozier of writing to create an atmosphere.

To pass to his further adventures. He writes:

"At this period I am seriously exercised in my mind owing to the behaviour of two battalion commanders on whom I am forced to rely to a great extent for co-operation, and to whom the safety of the line is of less importance than the whisky-bottle. . . .

"I decide to see a staff officer, quietly, about this delicate matter: with the result that later on a change of scenery is arranged for the two tipplers.

"Although both were awarded the D.S.O., as a solace to their souls, yet their removal to realms of comfort at home strengthened the line, but undoubtedly weakened the home front and jeopardised the lives of youngsters."

Now, I presume that all these incidents occurred in General Crozier's brigade, for if this is not so they must only be stories he has heard.

If the incident occurred in his brigade, doesn't he know that it was his duty to issue the most rigid orders in regard to the consumption of liquor—even to the extent of placing the officers upon a ration.

General Crozier, with withering sarcasm, states that the two battalion commanders to whom the safety of the line was of less importance than the whisky were awarded D.S.O.s.

The facts are that General Crozier should have placed both these colonels under arrest and remanded them for trial by general court-martial, and there would have been no D.S.O.s.

General Crozier states that the amount of drinking that went on varied greatly in different commands, and that much rested with the Commanding Officer.

That is true, and the remarks apply with even greater force to Brigade Commanders.

If the object of this book is to "eradicate war by attempting to demonstrate that it cannot be waged in any other way than by brute force and brutal means," I doubt whether it has entirely succeeded.

War may make beasts more beastly, but it surely has made noble men more noble; and I venture to think that the strongest antagonists against war are the latter.

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JOHN BULL.

Senator D. A. READ,
United States of America

DEAR SENATOR,—I should like to assure you of my appreciation of a very graceful act on your part.

While in this country as a member of the American delegation to the Naval Conference, you took the opportunity of visiting Milton's cottage at Chalfont St. Giles.

You noted that though it contained many relics of England's greatest epic poet, it lacked a first edition of "Paradise Lost."

You possessed a copy, and you sent for it and presented it to be placed in the cottage.

The nation is deeply grateful to you.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. M. BONDFIELD,
Minister of Labour

DEAR MISS BONDFIELD,—Last year 1,554,433 out of 1,779,434, or 87 per cent., vacancies notified were filled through the agency of employment exchanges, and in the first quarter of 1930, vacancies filled showed an increase of about 20,000 compared with 1929.

I welcome these signs that the exchanges are gradually assuming their proper function. But the time has come to consider whether the notification of vacancies should not be made compulsory.

This would do much to restrain the activities of questionable registries, which extort exorbitant fees.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. J. R. CLYNES, M.P.,
Home Secretary

DEAR MR. CLYNES,—The cock-fighting season is now in full swing, although this brutal and degrading "sport" was made illegal eighty years ago.

It seems to me rather a reflection on the powers under your control that it should be necessary for an organisation like the R.S.P.C.A. to offer a reward of £100 for information that will lead to the conviction of those taking part in it.

The present season is expected to be the busiest on record, and international contests are being arranged to be fought in this country.

Police and immigration authorities must bestir themselves.

JOHN BULL.

The GENERAL COUNCIL,
National Farmers' Union

GENTLEMEN,—I should just like to know why you decided to leave over for the further consideration of the president the proposal to send a British Agricultural Demonstration Train round England.

Surely the broadcasting of the best advice on marketing and production, and a demonstration of what the various parts of England can or could produce, *must be* for the good of agriculture.

If you mistrust the advice—and some Government experts *are* woolly—it is up to you to see that the train tells no lies.

You must not ignore the possibilities of this propaganda.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. YARDLEY,
Secretary, Land Union

DEAR SIR,—You say that the taxation of land-values is bad for the building trade. You are wrong.

Why is it that in Sydney, where 4½d. in £1 of land-values pays the rates, building increased greatly under the stimulus of land-value taxation?

The fact is that people will "finance" land—that is, build—when they see the possibility of selling at a profit.

The effect of this tax is to cheapen land by bringing idle sites into the market, and to cheapen materials.

The tax makes those who have benefited by public improvements help those who want to benefit.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. W. M. WOODFULL,
Captain, Australian Cricket Team

DEAR WOODFULL,—I add my hearty welcome to the great burst of it which has greeted you and the other members of the Australian Test Team.

You are a fine lot of fellows, good cricketers all.

But please don't sit on the splice. Those endless Tests "down under" do tend to make a man over-cautious. Here you fight the elements as well as the other team.

So open your shoulders with a will!

JOHN BULL.

Mr. ANGUS WATSON,
Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne

DEAR WATSON,—Bravo! A good many employers have stated their belief in personal relations with their staff. But you have resigned your directorship rather than support a contrary policy.

Of course, you are right not from the point of view of humanity but also from that of efficiency. Men do their best only when they know their chief, and can try to please him when done!"

As you say, a danger of rationalisation is that it seems bound to be impersonal and deal with men and women as cogs in the machine.

JOHN BULL.

STRAIGHT *from the Shoulder*

REV. T. R. DUNN: "People in villages think more of their Sunday dinners than of the worship of God."

More shame to the men of God who do not think of the villagers' Sunday dinner.

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DR. F. J. WALDO: "One cannot expect too much from medicine."

Yes, one can.

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A. E. HENSHALL: "There should be no toll-gates on the educational highway."

And no valves on the safety-valve.

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R. M. COWLEY (Fruiterers' Conference): "Truthful adjectives on window-tickets would be an advantage."

Quite right! Also as good trade at the back as there is at the front.

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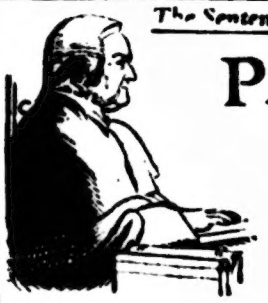
H. BARKER: "No man or woman likes to look foolish before a class of children."

But politicians in Parliament seem have no such qualms.

The Sentence of the Court



PALMING a WAR CARD

IT was not until the Court had listened courteously to a discourse on the beauties of disarmament that M. Briand pleaded "*Non coupable*" to a charge of threatening behaviour.

"Members of the jury who are not familiar with the French language," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "need not imagine themselves under any disadvantage through not having understood M. Briand's oration, for precisely the same speech was delivered by him on the last day of the Naval Conference.

"Unfortunately, however, on the very day that the accused delivered his speech, those of us who had been trying hard to believe in the sincerity of French protestations were shocked by the announcement that France is to proceed at once with the building of a 27,000-ton cruiser, carrying 12-in. guns with a range of 22 miles.

"At the very moment when M. Briand, with a gold pen in his hand and, I fear, his golden tongue in his cheek, was signing the Naval Treaty, the French Cabinet was arranging to spend another £4,000,000 on the most disastrously practical form of anti-disarmament propaganda.

"If this does not constitute threatening behaviour, I am as ignorant of the English language as some people evidently are of the French mentality."

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that the decision to construct the new cruiser had been taken because of the action of the German Reichsrath in restoring to the Naval Estimates a vote for a second 10,000-ton "pocket" battleship. This gesture by France was not directed toward any of the Powers represented at the Naval Conference, and was dictated solely by considerations of security.

"It is not without significance," said Mr. Justice Bull, "that the word 'security,' which is so constantly on the lips of French statesmen, is no less familiar in the mouths of moneylenders.

"While other countries, ever since the [illegible] making concessions in the interests of peace, French politicians have been haggling about 'security.'

"France's lost provinces restored and the military [illegible] many crippled, yet *la belle France* a mid-Victorian old maid looking under her bed for Germans, with the teeth, and the significant [illegible] tetic Dago with a da[illegible] organ sets her screaming that the invasion has begun.

"Now, when the three [illegible] Powers have agreed to [illegible] tions, France, already [illegible] ful in the air and in [illegible] preparing to add to her [illegible] while paying lip-service [illegible] ment.

"Oratory has been described as 'harlot of the arts,' and [illegible] seems singularly appropriate [illegible] France faces the world with a [illegible] smile and a new cruiser [illegible] her vanity-bag.

"The sentence of the Court [illegible] the prisoner shall be given a [illegible] sory six months' naval holiday [illegible] destroyer in the Bay of Biscay [illegible] security will be guaranteed but he [illegible] have to supply his own [illegible] powders."

The TRIUMPH of The King

by A. G. GARDINER

On Tuesday next King George will complete the twentieth year of his reign. The anniversary furnishes an occasion not only for paying a respectful tribute to the Sovereign but of surveying his place and influence in the history of our times.

In the mere reckoning of time, twenty years constitutes a reign of more than average magnitude, but the significance of King George's reign is not to be measured by years.

Thrones in the dust

When King George came to the throne on May 6, 1910, the structure of society and the outlook of men were very much what they had been during the century that had passed since the Napoleonic episode swept Europe from Trafalgar to Moscow.

There had been changes, developments, expansions in all spheres of activity, but there had been no violent departure from the world order or the fundamental ideas on which that order was founded.

But the Great War made a rupture with the past for which there is no parallel and the effects of which are still only partially visible.

Among the aspects of this rupture none was more momentous than that relating to the forms of government.

When the war began kingship was almost universal over the Continent of Europe. With the exception of France, Switzerland, Turkey and Portugal, there was no country in which monarchism did not prevail.

It prevailed in various forms, from the unqualified despotism of the Russian Tsar and the military despotism of the German Emperor to the constitutional kingship of this country.

When the war had passed all the great historic sovereignties of the Continent had collapsed.

The man himself

To-day, from Calais to Vladivostock, you may travel Europe and Asia from end to end without passing through a foot of territory that owes allegiance to a Crown.

Britain alone of all the major Powers engaged in the war emerged from it with its monarchy preserved, and not only preserved, but unshaken.

The Tsardom had perished in a welter of blood and horror. The Kaiser had fled from the anger of his people. The Emperor of Austria had been mercifully summoned elsewhere, leaving his crown behind him as a mere historic relic.

And with these dynasts a score of petty kings and princes in Germany and elsewhere had melted away like snows in spring.

If we ask why the tornado spared our own monarchy, the answer is twofold.

In the first place, it spared it because the British monarchy was a constitutional system based on the people's will and the Parliamentary institution.

The three Emperors fell because they represented an idea of government that had no relation to the modern world and the democratic principle.

But it was not the character of the British throne alone that saved it from destruction. It was the character of the occupant of that throne that contributed to the result.

If we had had as our King an imperious, self-willed person like the Kaiser, it is not improbable that the British Crown would have shared in the general overthrow.

I am not sure that it would have escaped even if the Sovereign had been so autocratic and difficult a ruler as Victoria, who, with all her virtues, never quite realised that a constitutional monarch reigns, but does not govern.

But King George, following in the tradition of his father rather than that of his grandmother, was perfectly adapted to meet the greatest crisis that the monarchy had had to face since the days of the Stuarts.

He had been admirably prepared for that ordeal.

Having had no expectation of being called to the throne, he had had an incomparable advantage of a professional training in the Navy, which had habituated him to the thoughts of plain men and the rough realities of life.

And he came to the throne in the midst of fierce constitutional issues that disciplined him for the tremendous ordeal that awaited him.

In the struggle over the Lords' veto, and again in the conflict over the Irish question, it would have been easy for him to make a false step that would have brought him into conflict with Parliament, and would have divided the country into a King's Party and a Republican Party.

Throughout those two formidable experiences he kept his head and his temper.

That apprenticeship prepared him for the far more desperate emergency to come with the war.

The difficulties of his position—political difficulties, social difficulties, family difficulties — were immense—especially the family difficulties.

They have only to be hinted at and only to be considered in relation to the high explosive condition of the atmosphere during those tremendous years to be fully understood.

But with extraordinary wisdom and discretion the King steered his course through these perilous waters, and at the end of the war emerged with his throne not merely intact, but more firmly rooted in the public sentiment than it had ever been before.

And even then he had still another rapid to negotiate before he came to clear water.

The rise of the Labour Party to power applied the final test of his full acceptance of the doctrine of a constitutional monarchy.

Stronger than ever

Again he survived the challenge, and to-day, with a Labour Government in power and with the universal franchise in operation, the throne is more firmly established than it has been in living memory—perhaps more generally approved than at any time since the days of Elizabeth.

I doubt whether the Republican idea was ever less prevalent in this country than it is to-day.

It is certainly less prevalent than it was at any period during Victoria's reign, which we are apt to look back upon as the golden age of the monarchy.

This is a very great achievement. I believe it is a very happy achievement. For whatever our theoretical views about Monarchism and Republicanism may be, few of us would desire a surgical operation for the sake of a theory.

The monarchy, under the wise and patriotic guidance of the present King, has at last finally and completely adjusted itself to the constitutional idea and practice, and, in doing so, has placed the government of this country on a harmonious and indestructible foundation.

A Labour Government is in power, and the King is the authentic voice of its decisions, as he has been of the Whig and Tory, Radical and Conservative Governments of the past.

It is a paradox and a triumph—a triumph, I believe, that no people except one, like our own, trained for centuries in the arts of self-government, could have achieved.

A Queen indeed

And in using the occasion of Tuesday next to congratulate King George on the twenty years' reign that has accomplished this happy union of the throne and the people, the nation will not forget how much of the King's success as monarch has been due to the wise and gracious Queen who has shared the burden of these momentous years.

Long may they reign!

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Youth and Age

Canon R. J. Campbell, D.D.

In 1913, I think it was, I happened to be visiting the wilds of Connaught with a friend, and one day we engaged an old man as a guide to some place of interest.

During the journey he said to me: "Do you know Mr. Lloyd George?" (He pronounced the name "Lide Jarge.")

I told him I did, whereupon he paused in his walk and said, with slow emphasis: "Well, you can tell Mr. Lide Jarge that if ever he comes to visit these parts the old people will turn out and kneel down in the road and pick the stones away from the path of his car."

Being struck by the earnestness with which the words were spoken, I asked the reason for such homage, and the answer was: "Well, if you knew what it was to be too old to be of much use, and have to sit in a corner and be grudged the morsel of bread you put in your mouth, and reminded every day that you were a burden on your children, you would be as thankful as we are for the old-age pension."

From what one knows of human nature I fear there was ground for the Irish peasant's bitterness at the memory of his dependence on the younger generation.

He and his were all poor, and where the pinch of poverty is felt there is likely to be some reluctance to maintain those who are incapable of contributing to their own support.

The aged and infirm often had a sad time of it in former days.

Among savages it was not uncommon, and perhaps still is where the white man's rule does not extend, to put parents to death when they ceased to be able-bodied.

That strange wanderer, Aloysius Horn, tells of the horror wherewith he witnessed the white-haired mother of a family thrown into a river by her eldest son, to be eaten by crocodiles, none of her kinsfolk apparently feeling the least compunction for her fate.

Thank God we have no traditions of this kind. On the contrary, in any home where love abounds, the aged receive special consideration and respect; and this is always beautiful to see.

But where love is lacking thoughtfulness for age is lacking too, and actual antagonism may arise between old and young.

Few things are more painful to witness than the contemptuous indifference of vigorous youth for its elders whose powers are waning.

Former benefits and sacrifices are forgotten, and irritating habits and temperamental failings are alone remembered. Many a poor soul in the evening of life is made to feel "in the way."

I shall never forget hearing a successful man say: "My principal value to my family is what they hope to inherit when I am dead, and they are growing impatient at the delay."

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BIG CO-OP Society SCANDAL

The Hon. C. W. Ballie Hamilton, M.P. for Bath, should interest himself in this scandal

Sent the dramatic order for the enquiry—Sir George Stuart Robertson, K.C.

WHEN Robert Owen, the great social reformer of the last century, dreamed his first dreams of co-operative trading he cannot have visualised the growth of the great co-operative societies as we know them to-day.

Were he still alive he would be justly proud of the success that has crowned his initial efforts.

And he would have seen that despite its vast growth the system was skilfully and well conducted.

That is why we point with regret to the instance where serious blunders have been made.

We have just investigated the affairs of the Radstock Co-operative Society, Ltd., whose members are represented by thousands of working-class people scattered over a large area in the West Country, embracing many villages and hamlets around Frome, Bath and Bristol.

The story we are here enabled to reveal exclusively is a distressing one, for it involves all these people, many of whom are extremely poor.

They belong to this society and make their humble purchases at its various depots with hopes of participating in its profits.

Their concern can be imagined, therefore, when rumours recently began to circulate widely regarding the state of the society's funds.

Letters ignored

Allegations were made, indeed, that the true position of the society had been misrepresented in its issued accounts and balance-sheets, and the facts here given speak for themselves.

About three months ago, in view of certain information which had reached him, Sir George Stuart Robertson, K.C., P.S.A., Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, decided upon action of a drastic, though highly commendable nature.

As certain letters addressed to the society had been ignored, Sir George arranged for Mr. John Fox, O.B.E., Assistant-Registrar, to go personally to Frome to investigate the allegations.

Mr. J. C. Bryant, J.P., president of the society, was informed by wire of Mr. Fox's impending arrival and requested to meet him.

This message came as a bombshell to Mr. Bryant, and a hurried meeting took place between the president, the society's manager and the auditor.

All professed themselves nonplussed, and when Mr. Bryant kept the dramatically arranged appointment with Mr John Fox, he was more astounded than ever.

We may as well say here that had the responsible members on the society's executive committee exercised their powers more freely, these shocks could never have come.

Mr. Fox lost no time in asking certain questions about the latest balance-sheet, particularly in regard to a large sum of money he alleged was owing to a firm in Manchester

Did not know!

The reason for these questions will be appreciated when we say that the sum in question had been omitted from the society's accounts, thus giving a falsely promising picture of its position.

Mr. Bryant could only say that, as far as he and his colleagues knew, the balance-sheet was in order, and he certainly did not think that the society owed any money to the Manchester concern.

Although it was clear that the president was personally unaware of a series of very grave irregularities that had taken place, Mr. Fox insisted upon going to the society's headquarters at Radstock.

The investigation which followed has revealed a state of affairs which reflects very unfavourably upon the executive committee

Heavy deficiency

At a recent meeting of shareholders, Mr. Bryant was compelled to admit that a deficiency of something like £30,000 was now apparent, and that the trouble was not of recent birth.

It had, in fact, been going on without the knowledge of the committee for some years.

As far back as 1921, when the miners' strike badly affected the society's progress, there was an undisclosed debt of £16,561, which had since steadily increased.

Yet all the time dividends had been declared as usual.

In other words, money had been paid out to certain members on profits that had not been earned.

How could such irregularities possibly escape notice for so long?

Why, when people gain prominence for taking an active part in the affairs of such societies, can they fail to discharge the moral responsibilities which fall upon them?

In all, as far as the investigation has proceeded at present, a deficiency of £83,000 has been disclosed.

The books have been very badly kept, and members of the society are anxiously wondering when the full truth will be known.

They will find some consolation perhaps in a statement recently made by an official of the society to the effect that although the position is both "serious and grave," there is no evidence of any actual embezzlement or misappropriation.

When Mr. H. L. Warren, who was appointed to conduct the investigations with some thirty assistants, recently issued his first report, he stipulated that it was for the information of shareholders only and "not for publication."

Why the need for secrecy?

Apart from the fact that the public are entitled to know the truth about such catastrophes, what safeguards are there for the future, and what lessons can be learnt by the committees of other societies, if this policy of "hush-hush" is adhered to?

Many members of the Radstock Co-operative Society consider that the whole wretched business should be openly thrashed out, and that steps should be taken to discover who was really responsible for permitting such misleading balance-sheets to be published.

The coming report

In giving prominence to this scandal here at the request of numerous members of this unfortunate society, we feel sure that Sir George Stuart Robertson, K.C., through whose resourcefulness the initial enquiry was brought about, will not rest until every avenue of investigation has been exhaustively explored.

RAPID FLITS OF A
BOGUS G.P.O. INSPECTOR

BEHIND a recent warning in the Press concerning an unnamed man who imposes upon landladies and others by representing himself to be an important official of the General Post Office lies a story that urgently calls for further publicity.

Greyhaired, and giving the name of Reginald Easterbrook, this sixty-year-old impostor recently engaged a room at a Whitchurch boarding-house.

He intimated that he was an inspector in the building department of the General Post Office, and would be "busy" in the district for some days.

He certainly went out a lot, and the stories of his local "inspections" were accepted without question, particularly as he was supposed to have "teams of ten men working in the district."

He seemed a most likeable old man, of quiet habits and unassuming manner, so when one day he asked for a small loan because his allowance had been delayed, his landlady did not like to refuse.

But having pocketed the money, Easterbrook disappeared and as he had by that time run up an account for board and lodging, the landlady was doubly victimised.

It was small consolation to her to learn that she was not Easterbrook's only dupe; that several local shopkeepers had been tricked with worthless cheques; and that the proprietors of scores of other boarding-houses had been induced to lend the bogus "inspector" money in the belief that "teams" of postal-workers would be sent to their establishments for board and lodging.

Easterbrook, we are able to reveal, is a travelling impostor, who finds dupes in almost every town he visits.

He does not always stay in one vicinity at the expense of landladies, for at Staple Hill, recently, he called at a garage, and, adopting his favourite rôle of G.P.O. inspector, stated that he had two gangs at work a few miles out of the town.

So cleverly did he take command of the conversation that his seemingly casual request for the loan of a motor-cycle to enable him to "run out" to see his workmen was accepted in all innocence.

He rode away and was never seen in Staple Hill again.

On the same day, however, he sold the motor-cycle in Glastonbury, and, on the strength of further lying stories, persuaded other dupes to advance him money.

One of his meanest coups was brought off at Tettenhall, Staffordshire, where he represented himself as the foreman of a group of special workmen who were due to arrive from London the next day.

With a lordly flourish, he declared he always liked to pay something in advance when engaging lodgings. "Take three pounds!" he said, grandly, handing the landlady a cheque.

The cheque was made out to him for £10, and the unsuspecting landlady handed him £7 change in cash.

Easterbrook went out the next morning "to meet his men"—and forgot to come back.

He changes his name at will, and during his operations has passed as "Ernest Atkins," "Albert Donmore," "Richard Braund," "Joseph Davis," "Arthur Watts" and "Ernest Willesley."

Complaints about him come from all quarters, and the extensive scope of his operations is shown by the fact that he was operating in Aldershot one day recently and in Abergavenny the next.

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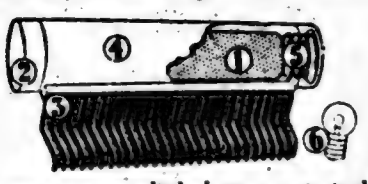

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WE UNCOVER A—

Kendal wants to gamble at casinos with other people's money!

Mystic Gambler's BAG OF TRICKS

AMONG the forms of large-scale swindling which we consider it our duty to investigate and expose for the protection of JOHN BULL readers, none is more pathetic in its consequences than the bogus partnership, agency and employment-with-a-future proposition.

It is being conducted at present on a colossal scale by cunning cheats.

Often the victims are the parents of young men who part with the savings of a lifetime to give their sons what they believe will be a handsome start in a business career.

In the greater number of cases, however, it is men and women advanced in years who are fleeced and ruined.

They lose every penny of the capital they have accumulated to invest in a business which they hope will preserve their independence in old age.

To illustrate the apparent ease with which mountebanks can publicly announce seemingly genuine and tempting offers, we have taken one advertisement at random from a first-class London newspaper. It reads:

"Travellers, calling everywhere U.K., Own cars preferred. £50 to £100 security. Salary £7 10s. per week and 5 per cent. commission. Write . . . to I.B.B., Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square."

A comedy concern

We thought that enquiry before this advertisement was accepted would have shown that it came from a worthless concern and that anyone entrusting £150 or £200 to it would most certainly have reason to rue the action.

"I.B.B." we find, represents a comedy kind of organisation which has existed for the past three months in pretentious offices opposite the Nelson Column.

It is a one-man enterprise, conducted by a charlatan who sometimes calls himself Cosmo Leon Kendal, and on other occasions Leon James Kendal or Professor Lou. H. de Vinne.

He is a careless fellow about a University degree which he purports to possess. In one name he is a Bachelor of Arts, and in another a Bachelor of Science.

About last Christmas, Kendal, who would be undressed without his monocle, breezed into the chambers of a professional firm in the Strand.

He was quite unknown, but in a minute or two he had offered to bring in £20,000 a year to the principal of the business without any outlay. All he asked in exchange was the use of the office free.

No attention was paid to his £20,000-for-nothing whim, but the practical proposition was made that he should rent a room for 15s. weekly.

From this headquarters it was Kendal's custom to sally forth to a printing-works with people he sought to impress.

He told them that he was negotiating the purchase of the plant and had completed plans to produce a business and financial review to be printed in twenty-seven languages.

This was all spoof.

Mythical "magic"

The supposed publication to which he referred is probably one styled "M.A.G.I.C.," of which, in another sphere of activity, he claims to be the editor. But it does not exist.

One day Kendal came to the offices with a magnificent brass plate, and announced that he was to fix it to the front door. It bore the inscription, "International Business Bureaux."

An enquiry in official quarters revealed that no firm or business of that name was registered, and Kendal and his name-plate were promptly bundled out to the street.

When he was gone it was discovered that he was using ornate notepaper with a globe on the heading, and representing that the so-called International Business Bureaux existed for the worldwide promotion and propagation of trading facilities, with special departments in Paris, New York and Berlin.

This again was mythical.

But more astonishing was the fact that without any authority he had further embellished the notepaper with the names, addresses and telephone-numbers of various business-men to whom he had casually introduced himself.

Kendal then took over his present handsome abode in Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square.

Quick-change expert

He invited a man to visit him there to discuss the possibility of raising finance for a certain venture, having first learned from him the names of the business organisations which he represented in this country.

The man was astounded when he did call.

On Kendal's office door he found emblazoned the names of the various firms he had mentioned to him in conversation.

These were erased in half-an-hour.

Other imposing names now flourish on the door of the International Business Bureaux.

There is the Moreton Kendal Chemical Company, for instance. It has no official existence, and we have had Teddington searched in vain for a factory which it is supposed to have there.

Another mystery company is one called the Gamelay Manufacturing Syndicate Fibrewood Process (Patent). No such business is registered.

Kendal's masterpiece is, however, another fictitious enterprise, which has been named the Casino Loan and Savings Investment Company.

A more extraordinary scheme for obtaining money from the public than the proposed operations of this curious company has never been devised.

Kendal's idea is to gamble with other people's money by an alleged secret system at Continental casinos, and to guarantee those who provide the stakes a dividend of from 4,000 to 6,000 per cent.

Then, presumably having broken the banks of the existing casinos, he proposes to build another casino at a fashionable seaside resort, together with an international amusement-park, a stadium and a grand-opera house.

A few years ago this imaginative fellow ran a spurious business from an accommodation address in Albemarle Street, London, W.

Bumps—palms—quackery

He called it the World's Workers' Welfare Organisation, and it was conducted in conjunction with wild-cat schemes to sell "bio-chemical" salts and to smash the bank at Monte Carlo.

More recently, Kendal, as Professor "Cosmo" and "Keeno," has been practising as a phrenologist, psychic healer, fortune-teller and vendor of lucky charms at various addresses in Brixton and Belgravia, where he also sold shilling horse-racing tips.

Kendal was once sent to fourteen years' penal servitude for shooting a policeman.

He admitted this in court last year, after being found outside Wandsworth Prison walls carrying a bag containing a rope with a hook. His name then was Henry Louis Devene.

Professional tricksters of this kind could not operate on the extensive scale they do but for the facilities they obtain in the advertisement columns of some newspapers.

Much more stringent supervision of this class of advertisement is required.

The need may be brought home more forcibly to the newspapers concerned when, as will inevitably happen, they are made to recognise that they assume a contingent liability for the loss and distress so commonly caused

DONE! *in the Grand Manner*

ONLY three weeks ago we exposed a "Dangerous Honeymoon Duo" who were conducting a widespread campaign of fraud.

Now we have tidings of yet another couple who are modelling their coups in imitation of those plundering visitors, and with the opening of the holiday season, hotel proprietors, landladies and shopkeepers should be on the look out for them.

They cannot be more than twenty-five years of age, and are at present touring the country in a blue saloon-car and defrauding people in every town they visit.

At Portsmouth, where they found numerous victims, they put up at a second class hotel in the name of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. C. Westbury.

Their hardest duties, indeed, seemed to consist of joint shopping expeditions.

Driving up to a furniture-store, they selected certain small articles which they decided to take away in their car, paying a cheque in payment.

They next visited an outfitters, where the man selected an expensive overcoat, also tendering a cheque and giving their hotel address.

Both these cheques ultimately came back dishonoured from the bank, but by that time the motoring pair had left Portsmouth far behind, their hotel bill being unpaid.

At Cambridge they elected to stay at a good hotel, but on this occasion they occupied separate rooms and passed as M. H. Chard and L. Green.

Their shopping expeditions were joint affairs still, and at one establishment the girl selected an expensive handbag, invoking the opinion of her escort by asking convincingly, "Do you think it will please her?"

The man assured her that it was "Just the thing!" so, turning to the shopkeeper, she instructed him to send her purchase to a "Mrs. Booker" at a local address.

Then, with a sweet smile, she tendered a cheque considerably in excess of the amount of her purchase and asked the shopkeeper if he could oblige by cashing it for her.

At first he was inclined to hesitate, but in view of the fact that the purchaser seemed to be a person of affluence and standing, he finally consented.

Disillusion came swiftly when his messenger returned a little later to say that he could find no Mrs. Booker at the address given, and enquiry at the hotel showed that the couple had suddenly departed, after living at the management's expense for days.

After that, the shopkeeper was not surprised to receive the cheque back from the Torquay bank on which it had been fraudulently drawn.

They're fine!

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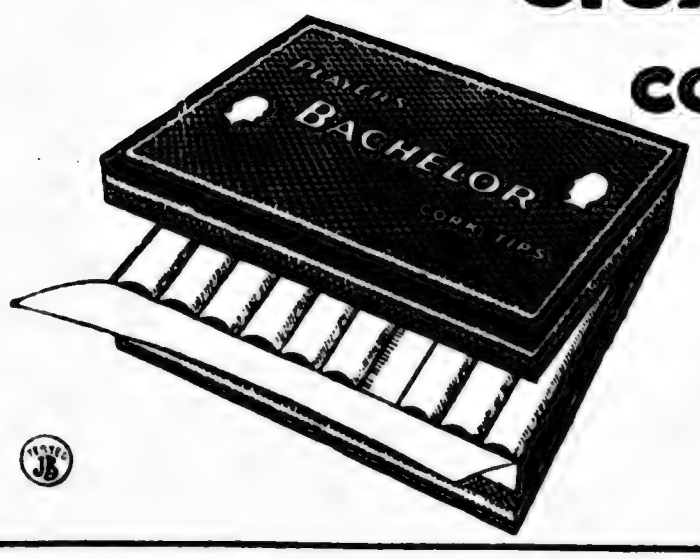

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UNION SECURITIES RAMP

OUR TELESCOPE on Skylinsky

THIS week we propose to shed considerable light upon a remarkable concern which has lately sprung into prominence at 125 Bishopsgate, London, E.C. under the imposing title of the Union Securities Company, Ltd.

Its circulars have recently been flooding the country, and although they are sent out unsolicited, they have a decidedly intimate touch.

The company, it seems, believes more than ever that the time has arrived for investors to take advantage of the many bargains available which should show excellent profits in the near future."

But the company would have the countless strangers it thus approaches understand that it has something more tangible to offer than a mere "belief."

It boasts a staff of experts who know all there is to know about profitable investment; an "unrivalled investment service"; a "foreign department," and the best financial paper ever published."

In spite of all this, we are satisfied, on investigation, that any offer emanating from the Union Securities Company, Ltd., should be shunned.

To begin with, some of its circulars, which bore the name of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnwath as a director, were sent out entirely without his authority, and he has emphatically dissociated himself from the venture.

'Change rebuke

Then, again, the company has been unwisely suggesting in its printed matter that it is a recognised member of the Stock Exchange.

It is nothing of the sort, and has already been pulled up by the Stock Exchange Committee on this score.

But far more than this can be revealed.

Behind the scenes in the Union Securities Company, Ltd., is a notorious trafficker in dubious shares, whom we will name at once as Sydney Skylinsky.

We would go further, and say that in his more recent pursuits he has been known by the name of Mark Godfrey, while to certain shady companions he is familiarly known as "Goddy."

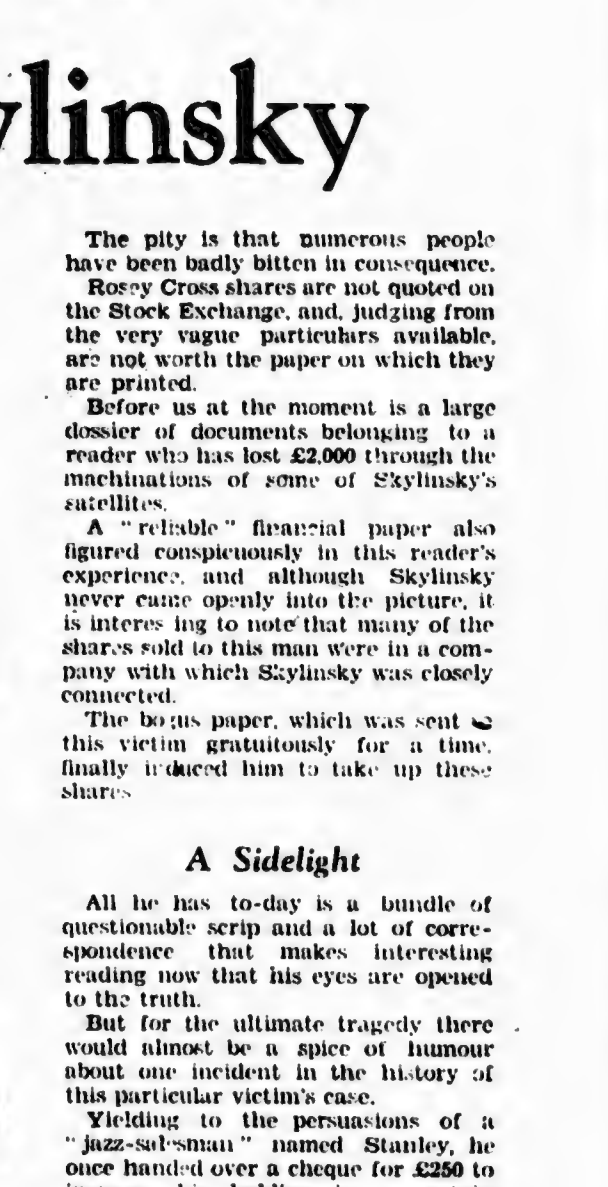
Used Lord Carnwath's name entirely without authority

His rise to affluence during the past year or two has surprised even his closest friends, and he undoubtedly has good reason for pushing certain shares through the medium of the Union Securities Company, Ltd.—plus, of course, "the best financial paper ever published."

He is a past master in the art of misleading the public through high-sounding, but unreliable, financial papers.

One such journal has had the impertinence to "warn" investors against the shares of big companies—including Gamages, if you please!—while at the same time booming the shares of companies under its wing.

We shall watch Skylinsky's present activities with interest, for we happen to know that he is also very closely associated with another impudent venture called the Rosey Cross Asbestos Mines of Rhodesia, Ltd.



Had the impertinence to "warn" investors about shares in a great and honest firm headed by Mr. Eric Gamage

When we recently published a brief warning regarding the audacious manner in which the "bucket shop" firm of Debenham and Hall, Ltd., was endeavouring to sell Rosey Cross shares by unsolicited telegrams, we had a shrewd suspicion that Skylinsky was mixed up in the offer in some way.

We have now completed enquiries which more than confirm this, and enable us to tell a most interesting story.

Mr. Wrong

The ostensible proprietor of Debenham and Hall was a person called Arthur Wright, who disappeared from his office in Chancery Lane a few weeks ago, after an application had been made to Mr. Justice Luxmoore at the High Court for an order to wind up the company.

Even the clerks in the office were left unpaid, and no one has seen Mr. Wright since, though the police, we believe, are more than a little anxious to have a chat with him about one or two decidedly fraudulent transactions in which he was involved.

Some of the Rosey Cross shares which he sold through the medium of Debenham and Hall were, we are able exclusively to reveal, handed to him by Skylinsky.

There were some thousands of them in all, and they were offered, under Skylinsky's instructions, at the record price of 3s. a share, some of which went to Wright, the balance being pocketed by Skylinsky, behind the scenes.

The pity is that numerous people have been badly bitten in consequence.

Rosey Cross shares are not quoted on the Stock Exchange, and, judging from the very vague particulars available, are not worth the paper on which they are printed.

Before us at the moment is a large dossier of documents belonging to a reader who has lost £2,000 through the machinations of some of Skylinsky's satellites.

A "reliable" financial paper also figured conspicuously in this reader's experience, and although Skylinsky never came openly into the picture, it is interesting to note that many of the shares sold to this man were in a company with which Skylinsky was closely connected.

The bogus paper, which was sent to this victim gratuitously for a time, finally induced him to take up these shares.

A *Sidelight*

All he has to-day is a bundle of questionable scrip and a lot of correspondence that makes interesting reading now that his eyes are opened to the truth.

But for the ultimate tragedy there would almost be a spice of humour about one incident in the history of this particular victim's case.

Yielding to the persuasions of a "jazz-salesman" named Stanley, he once handed over a cheque for £250 to increase his holding in a certain wretched company in which he had already been interested.

This cheque was cashed through the Hotel Chatham, in Paris, but the company later averred that it had never received the cash and that its trusted servant had misappropriated it.

However, after much argument, it condescended to allot the extra shares.

It is impossible to appreciate its "act of grace," for the investor would have been no poorer without them.

A sidelight on Skylinsky's underlings is furnished by the signatures on some of these letters, which include those of "A. Ford," "A. Rogers," "J. Waring," "Lewyn J. Ware," and "W. Cranbourne."

"A. Ford" cloaks the identity of an individual whose name will be familiar to our readers; "A. Rogers" is a person called Angrove Rogers, who is well known to the police and was an associate of Skylinsky in the days when he lived more openly, but less profitably, by his wits.

W. Cranbourne is a docile and confiding old gentleman who does almost anything Skylinsky tells him, while J. Waring and Lewyn J. Ware are one and the same person.

Bashful

Skylinsky's ramifications are so widespread that it is difficult to tell how many irons he now has in the fire.

Several solicitors are on his track for victims who have parted with huge sums to him through nominees and others.

Although all kinds of defences have been put up in certain actions brought against him, it is unlikely he would care to enter the witness-box.

In any case, our purpose for the moment will be served when we most strongly advise everybody to leave the Union Securities Company alone.

Two Roles—*and both bad!*

A GENIAL stranger in homespuns, with a strong Scottish accent, who looks like a prosperous farmer, is on the trail of easy money in various parts of the country.

He was recently prominent in Gloucester, where he passed as William Boyd Macdonald, calling upon various working-class homes.

Mentioning a large farm on the outskirts of Gloucester, he explained that he had just bought it and proposed to make good.

His object was to get together a gang of good labourers for this farm.

Several workers not only jumped at the opportunity, but, on the request of Macdonald, supplied the names and addresses of their friends who had farming experience.

In this way the genial Scot got together an enthusiastic body of would-be workers, and proceeded to "enrol" them as members of "The Scottish Farmers' Union," collecting a subscription of 10s. from each.

Alas! when the newly-engaged farmhands presented themselves for duty, they found to their utter dismay that John Boyd Macdonald was absolutely unknown there.

But the missing "farmer" was certainly known in other parts of Gloucester, for, while working his cruel swindle among the labouring classes, he had been securing other dupes in the residential quarters of the city.

He had been making door-to-door calls and obtaining cash advances from housewives for consignments of "good fat ducks" from his mythical farm.

William Boyd Macdonald is an ingenious as well as a callous rogue.

Sometimes he appears as a prosperous farmer, but he has another make-up—for in shabby, genteel clothes he passes as a common beggar.

He recounts heartrending stories of his struggles to keep his twin children, following the tragic death of their mother in a railway accident.

Many a kindly householder has helped this wicked rascal on his way with gifts in cash and kind.

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Secrets that may MEAN DEATH

Does the secret diplomat ever "think of the million British dead who died as the result of this trickery"?

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

I DOUBT very much if one man ... a million has any real idea of what the Naval Conference was all about, what it was really trying to do, or what it has really succeeded in doing.

Everybody knows, of course, that the big idea was to try and get some measure of naval disarmament, but of the subterranean eddies that swirled the various delegates hither and thither we know little or nothing. We are not supposed to know. We are never told.

The whole thing is wrapped round with that beautifully mysterious atmosphere we call "diplomacy"—and "diplomacy" is not for the common man. It is too high, too intricate, too subtle.

The common man is a mutt who cannot understand these things.

Loves the dark

He must indeed be a mutt to consent to allow a handful of very ordinary men to arrange his destiny for him without ever consulting his wishes after all the experience he has had of what they are capable of doing to him.

For bit by bit, ever since the war, the gilded mask has been stripped from the face of diplomacy, and we are beginning to see it for what it really is—lying, humbug, deceit, chicanery, stupidity.

It loves darkness and fears the light. It prefers closed doors to the open conference-chamber. It revels in unnecessary secrecy, and never goes straight if it can possibly go crooked.

Yet, despite the revelations of the deliberate lying that preceded the war, despite the bombshell of the shameless secret treaties concluded during the war, despite the hundred-times-exploded myth of the "scrap of paper," the common man still believes what he is told by Foreign Offices and privileged diplomats.

And the living!

He is a fool. He ought sometimes to remember the million British dead who died as the result of this trickery and this complacent ignorance.

He ought to think sometimes of the million British living who may one day be called on to die if the trickery and ignorance continue. He ought to want to know—and to insist on knowing.

Have we, for instance, come to any secret "understandings" with France about this naval business? You don't know. I don't know. We ought to know. We ought to insist on being told.

We ought to have more self-respect than to be snubbed and hustled aside and told that we cannot understand. We were expected to understand all right in 1914; we can understand just as well in 1930—perhaps a great deal better.

The tradition of secrecy that surrounds the Foreign Office is a hoary myth, and it is a tradition that is condemned by its own acts. It led us into the most bloody war the world has ever seen.

Openness and publicity could have resulted in nothing worse. They might even quite conceivably have done better.

What has ever been achieved by secrecy except the avoidance of the searchlight of public opinion on what that great statesman, John Bright, once called "neither more nor less than a gigantic system of outdoor relief for the aristocracy of Great Britain"?

And, even in these supposedly democratic days, that is just about a true description of the Foreign Office. Certainly public opinion has nothing to do with the conduct of foreign affairs.

Pledged to what?

Parliament—our supposed representatives—has almost as little. Even the Cabinet itself has not much. At bottom the conduct of foreign affairs is left to the diplomats.

They can do, they have done in the past, and they may well do in the future, things that we may one day discover have pledged us to hostilities without our having a suspicion of the fact that we are so pledged.

Now, I think we should get out of our herds once and for all that the Foreign Office is any sort of mysterious and wonderful machine.

It is a collection of very ordinary and human men, through whom are conducted the various questions that arise between ourselves and other nations.

Much of what they do is never submitted to Parliament. Little or nothing of what they do is ever told to the ordinary man.

Yet everything they do is of prime importance to him.

One day his life and the lives of his children may depend on their having done their job well. It is at least interesting, therefore, to know what sort of men they are.

It is rather disturbing to find that they are, for the most part, men who have come from the upper-class, who have been brought up in careful exclusion from contamination by the common people, and whose education has been obtained at the public school and either Oxford or Cambridge.

Without in the least wishing to disparage the work these men do, it is surely permissible to ask how far such a training is a preparation for understanding and interpreting the viewpoint of democracy

True, we have advanced a little towards the democratisation of the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service.

In 1919 we did at least abolish the preposterous rule that no candidate could even be considered unless he got a nomination from the Secretary of State or from someone of "standing and position," and also possessed a private income of at least £400 a year.

While this is something, it has not done much to remove from the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service the reproach of being the preserve of the aristocratic and propertied class.

A little sympathy

I have nothing to say against Eton and Oxford and Cambridge; but I protest that they neither understand me nor are capable of representing me. And as there are some twenty million more like me, the whole question becomes one of serious importance

It is imperative that by all possible means the Foreign Service should be broadened to make its personnel representative of the entire nation.

It is imperative, too, that we should get into the Service a type of official who is naturally sympathetic to public opinion instead of regarding it as an impertinent nuisance when it wants to know things.

The foreign affairs of this country are managed by about a dozen or so gentlemen who are, no doubt, perfectly upright, honest and sincere.

But I do not think it at all outrageous to protest that issues of peace and war—which, in the last resort, are issues affecting every home in this country, every family, every man, woman and child—cannot safely be left to a dozen or so gentlemen, however honest and upright they may be.

Deadly game

How many remember that by the "Locarno Treaty" Sir Austen Chamberlain, without their consent, pledged the lives of British citizens, pledged a generation still growing up, should certain eventualities result again in war between France and Germany?

There is only one real way to safety.

All treaties, agreements and "understandings" should be published and sanctioned by Parliament before they are finally concluded, not, as at present, concluded in secret and sanctioned after they have been accomplished.

It should be a constitutional practice, not an occasional convenience.

Until we insist on that being done, our lives, and the lives of our children, are the merest pawns in a game of chance, played by men we do not know, played under rules we do not know, and for prizes of which we are entirely ignorant.

The Human Machine

YOU—AND THE Next Man

MORE than two thousand years ago a wise man said that the great secret of life was to get on with one's neighbours. "A man," he said, "who can get on without his fellows is not a man at all; he is either a god or a beast—and more probably the latter than the former."

In most human relationships there is too much pride. We are always right; the other fellow is always wrong. We can rarely conceive it possible that we could be wrong and the other fellow right.

And yet there is always the other point of view, always the different angle from which the same speck of truth may be viewed.

Dr. Adler, the great psychologist, has recently propounded a remedy for this sort of thing. "Let each man," he says, "think himself as good as the rest of the world—but no better."

It sounds easy, this "half-and-halfness," as he calls it, but in reality it is about as difficult a task as human nature was ever called on to accomplish.

The Irishman who said he was "as good as the next man—and a damn sight better" was only expressing the typical attitude that makes not only individual but national relationships so difficult, and sometimes dangerous.

It is a sound principle of life to know ourselves; it is just as sound, and not infrequently sounder, to know others.

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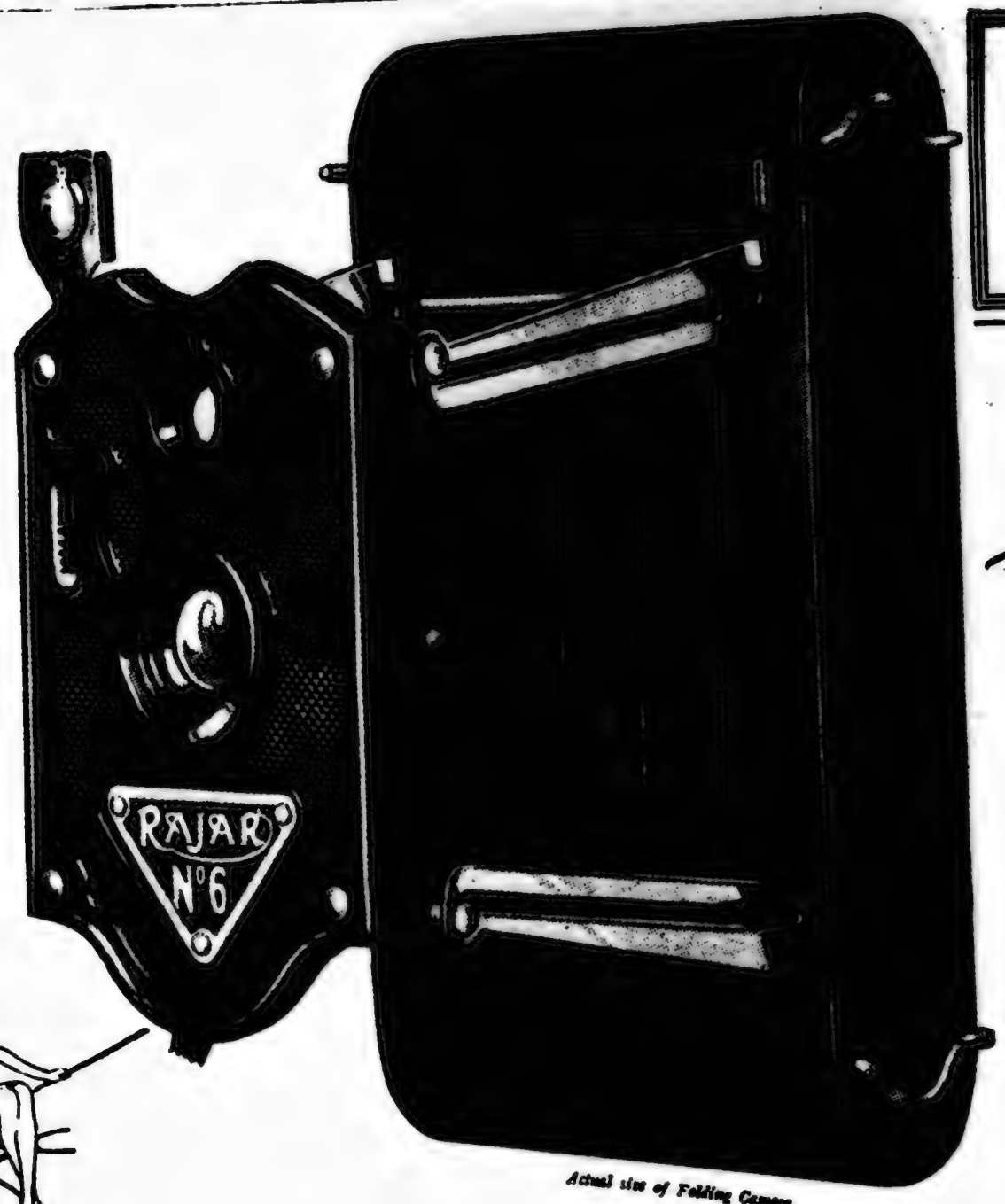

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Without Fear or Favour

The SHAME of the SHOE

IN defiance of sanitary inspectors and in spite of the 1926 award of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Boot and Shoe Trade, which prohibits "outdoor" work, the pernicious system of contracting-out is still carried on under conditions which are an abominable scandal to the boot and shoe industry.

Some manufacturers in London encourage the "outdoor" contractor, with his cut-throat policy, in order to keep down wages inside the factory. Neither law nor trade union has any control over hours worked in the home. Thus is a vicious circle formed.

Prices are low in the factory because outworkers toil long hours at home. Often such men call in the help of wives and families, because they cannot earn a living wage in the fac...

Death traps

YET another reason for the perpetuation of the system is the amazing charge of 10 per cent. made by the employers for supplying factory space to those who have been outworkers.

The worst aspect of the system, however, lies in the insanitary places in which a great deal of the work is done.

From the shoddy slipper that only the very poor would buy to the elegant shoe sold in Bond Street and worn in Mayfair, work is done in the filthiest of ramshackle dens in the most pestilential slums of London.

It is estimated that three hundred of these sweat-shops exist, employing approximately 1,200 workers. They are difficult to trace, but are the greater menace for that very reason.

With their dirt-laden walls and unswept floors, their primitive sanitary arrangements and their lack of light and air, they are a breeding-ground for vermin and every kind of disease.

Take, for instance, a workshop in Spitalfields. It consists of a collection of old houses, every room (including basements) of which is crowded with workers.

Not only is it a kind of human rabbit-warren but, in case of fire, it is a veritable death-trap.

Family saucepan

THE person responsible for employing men and women in this hovel refuses to employ cleaners for any part of the building. The sanitary arrangements are primitive and disgusting.

In Bethnal Green seven men and one woman work on the ground-floor of a dwelling-house. The walls are filthy and the floor is a morass of leather-cuttings and other refuse.

At dinner-time the wife of the employer brings down the meal in a saucepan. A son is served at his bench, after which the good wife squats beside her husband, and they both proceed to eat directly out of the saucepan.

Another workshop in the same district is a converted stable and loft. Here, again, there is the same indescribable filth.

When a door in an alley near Old Ford Road chances to open, yet another intolerably noxious shoe-shop is revealed.

The walls have obviously not been whitewashed for years. Cuttings and the dirt of months lie thick upon the floor.

In a corner stand two dustbins, one for the use of the family which lives overhead and one for the workers. They are both so overflowing with refuse and garbage that the lids are forced off.

Foreman's pittance

IN this terrible stew are crowded seven men and one girl, with the implements of their trade. In almost every case, workers eat at the bench. Their hours are not restricted, and their wages are, on an average, quite 50 per cent. below the minimum fixed by the union.

Girls are paid from £1 to 25s. instead of from 34s. to £2, while men, who should earn £3 10s. to £5, are receiving 35s. to £2 10s. a week. In one case a foreman is paid 35s. a week.

There is another and even worse section of the trade. It is known as "nursery" work, and is done by women in their homes—widows with children to care for, women with sick or crippled husbands, or who, for some reason or another, must work to eke out a meagre income.

They join the uppers to the soles of children's shoes. This is a more complicated process than would at first appear.

First, the upper is put on the last; then the stiffening is damped and slipped between leather and lining; next the upper is firmly stitched with a waxed thread to sole; the seam is hammered flat, the shoe is turned (not without great effort) and the seam hammered again. Last of all, the inner sole is pasted in.

This work is paid for at the rate of 1s. 8d. a dozen pairs for the cheaper work and 1s. 10d. to 2s. for the better class of shoes.

It is, however, remarkable that because the better work takes longer it is impossible for those employed to earn any more upon the better than the cheaper class of work.

Many of the women employed in this branch of the trade live in the wretched slums that abound near Green Street, Bethnal Green. Here is what a JOHN BULL investigator found:

In spite of the locality, Mrs. A's house is very clean and tidy. Her husband is in an advanced stage of tuberculosis, and has not worked at his occupation of dock labourer for two years.

Pitiful hands

HER son, eighteen years of age, is also unemployed, and she is further harassed by the new regulation which insists that, because the boy is in receipt of 1s. 6d. a day, he must attend school three hours a day.

At present she is in bed with an attack of pleurisy, caught by doing her washing after a hard week's work at baby-shoe making.

When in health she can, by working very hard, make two dozen pairs of shoes a day, for which she will be paid 1s. 8d. a dozen. Her hands are distorted by the years of work, the joints are enlarged, the flesh cut by the thread and covered with corns and callouses.

A few streets away lives Mrs. B, an expert who has worked at the trade forty years. Her husband was killed in the war in 1916. This left her with four children to keep.

She is a marvel of concentration and speed, and can, by driving hard all day, do three dozen pairs a day, at 1s. 8d. a dozen pairs.

Never catch up

THE rapidity with which this woman works is shown by a comparison with a young neighbour, who, when working from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., cannot make more than two dozen of the same class of shoes.

Mrs. E is one of the best workers in this branch of the trade. She is entrusted always with the better class of work. This, however, takes longer and, though highly skilled, she is not able to earn more than 5s. a day.

One of the most distressing things about this kind of work is that women who are obliged to break off in the middle of the day, in order to prepare meals or do other housework, are forced to work far into the night to make up for the lost time.

Out of their meagre earnings they buy wax, thread, paste and needles from the employer—2s. a week.

With no margin beyond a bare subsistence, when "out-workers" fall sick or slack time overtakes them they become chargeable to the rates.

We call upon the London manufacturers to cleanse this foul blot on the trade.

That such conditions are avoidable is shown by the fact that trade is carried on in provincial towns like Northampton, Leicester and Coventry in well-lighted, well-ventilated model factories, where the union minimum rate of pay applies to the lowest class of work, while higher rates are paid for the better product.

Little does the elegant woman buying in some high-class store realise that that dainty piece of footwear has been made in a filthy den, where unfortunate people sweat out their unhappy lives.

If the manufacturers of London are really in earnest, they can, with the help of the Government, sweep away this terrible system.

"Little does the elegant woman . . . realise"

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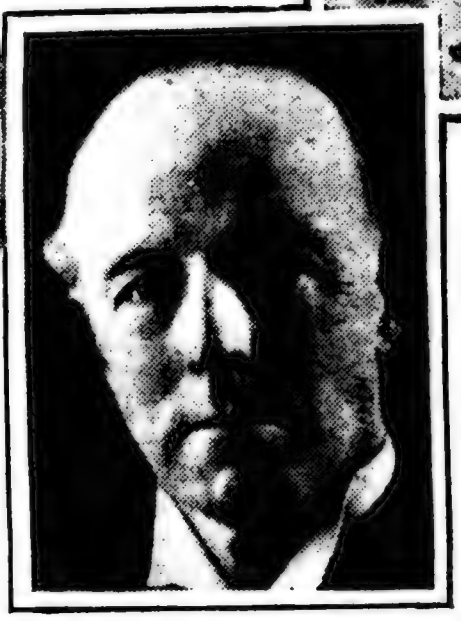
Happy little folk. Class in St. James's Park

The right school way—stout fellahs!

OUR CANE SCHOOL

"Took a hint from the Chief Scout"



When class-room overcrowding was at its worst, the Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman fined the London County Council £10,000

WE are paying through the nose for education. Are we getting good value for money?

The estimated cost for 1930 is £45,495,653, but taking contributions from rates it will be well over £80,000,000, exclusive of a large increase if the school-leaving age is raised to fifteen.

There are approximately 4,890,000 children in our elementary schools—there were at least 5,380,000 before the war—and the present-day cost is practically £13 per child per annum.

The ratepayer who has one child at school has small reason to complain: he is getting back £13 a year in the form of free education; and if he has two or more children he is making a good bargain.

Backing a winner

The ordinary citizen is naturally unwilling to part with money. He reads in his paper that the Navy requires over fifty millions this year, and the Board of Education requires over forty-five millions.

He gains six millions by the "cut" in the Navy, and loses nearly four millions by the increase in education.

So far, so good. Fewer battleships and more schools. He wants to be sure that he is putting his money on the right horse.

There is a type of employer who is the loudest critic of education and his complaints are heard daily.

Children of fourteen spell atrociously, their handwriting is abominable, they can't do arithmetic, and they can't compose a simple letter without breaking half a dozen rules of grammar.

This employer cares nothing about "fancy subjects" like nature study, science, history, literature, musical appreciation, painting, and the rest of them.

He demands that children should be drilled in the three R's, and doesn't give a rap for imagination, instinct for beauty (except in handwriting). Why should he?

Mr. Henry Ford is going to devote the remainder of his life to the cause of education, and he has begun by setting aside the sum of £20,000,000 for the building of technical schools.

He would give academical training to young children, but the second half of school-life should be vocational.

"If taught properly," he says, "every boy upon leaving school could go to an employer and say that he was specifically fitted to perform a given task."

"History is bunk!" he says, and I fancy many teachers and pupils will secretly agree.

Young children's opinions about school deal only with details. They do not like this teacher because she is "fussy" or "stuffy," and they object to that particular subject because it is so "dry" or "beastly."

Tiresome stuff

But when a boy or girl reaches the age of twelve the criticisms are more practical and penetrating.

"Why do we have to learn this stuff?" they ask. "What's the good of knowing all that?"

A boy accepts reading, writing, and arithmetic (with its extensions: shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping) because one cannot get through the modern world without them.

Surveying—the real thing, not dry books

The new ... -air school

But he can't see the point of studying chemistry if he is not going to become a chemist, or Latin roots if he is going to become an electrical engineer. He becomes very scathing at times.

Girls all want to be able to dance, and the teachers are allowed to give lessons in country dancing or folk dancing; but not ballroom dancing—which is precisely what the girls are wanting.

This is a small point, taken at random; but it is a parable of the stupidity of education generally.

When the compulsory day continuation schools were started in London in 1921, the "young persons"—as they were officially termed—were up in arms because the training was entirely cultural.

Many of the teachers wanted to make it "vocational," but the Education Committee, under the directorship of Sir Robert Blair, absolutely forbade it.

The teachers were disappointed, and the pupils were indignant and mutinous.

The scheme was killed by certain newspapers in the interest of Party politics, and eleven voluntary day continuation schools were permitted to carry on.

They are still carrying on to-day, but—this is enormously significant—they all began to provide vocational instruction in order to attract the scholars.

After mastering the mechanical subjects (the three R's), boys and girls definitely want to be trained to earn a living. They are willing

...g it by wireless—the teacher ...y points to places on the map

The real "Head"—Sir Charles Trevelyan, President of the Board of Education

These small people take turns at conducting their own class—so they learn to act for themselves

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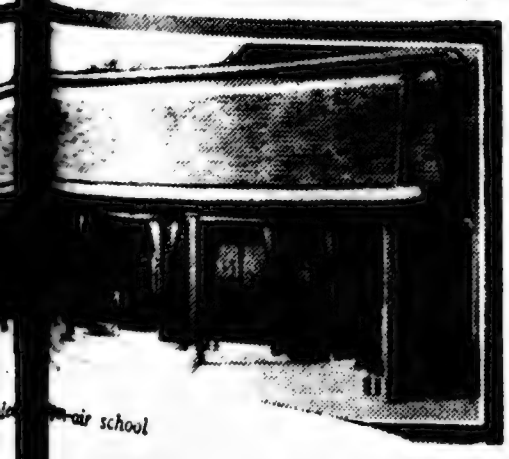
enough to remain at school until fifteen, but only on this condition.

Rightly or wrongly, they have not the least desire to amass stores of facts about Strongbow's invasion of Ireland or the voyages of Vasco da Gama.

The teachers are having a much better time to-day than in the iniquitous days of payment by results, but they are far from satisfied.

Classes are still too big, for example, and many of the school buildings are hopelessly out of date.

The latest circular of the Board



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of Education lays it down that senior classes should not exceed forty, junior classes forty-four, and infant classes forty-eight; but the objective will not be accomplished for some years to come.

It is particularly absurd that infants' classes should be the biggest of all.

Do the authorities imagine in their innocence that infants are easier to manage because they are smaller? Or is the size of a class reckoned by avoirdupois weight?

The mother who is driven half-distracted by two or three young children should try the experiment of controlling four dozen for five or more hours a day.

Then there is gross overcrowding in certain schools in the new estates and suburbs.

Someone has gone to sleep!

The authorities are laying up trouble for themselves in their handling of the religious teaching question.

Catholics claim that the legislation raising the school age hits them hard. They say that they cannot afford to build the new schools necessary to keep their hard-won principle of "Catholic schools for Catholic children."

They refuse to send their children to the new State schools, and demand financial assistance from local authorities to build their own.

In many provincial centres pitched battles are developing.

The solution proposed by the Government—that teachers shall be appointed or dismissed only by the local Education Committee—removes a certain power which the Churches will be loath to relinquish.

The greatest curse

But the special clause which allows the managers of non-provided schools to be consulted with a view to discovering the religious bias of teachers leaves matters very much where they stood.

There will still be local squabbles about religion wherever denominational feeling runs high.

There are parents who go to law because their boys have had a caning; there are heartburnings about the appointment of women as heads of mixed schools; and there are everlasting disputes about salaries.

But the greatest curse of the present-day system is the influence of the University. The University largely determines the type of work in all the schools, and the examination is a nightmare to pupil and teacher alike.

The public and secondary schools must prepare for the examination set by the University, and this means that instead of encouraging self-expression and intelligence, the teachers must forcibly feed their scholars.

Hard facts are the main demand of the examiners. Masses of information on dull and frequently useless subjects are essential; but the examiners have already accumulated the same knowledge to get their honours degrees, and so the vicious circle is completed.

Surely everybody must be able to realise that a man may know whole tomes of mediæval history or modern science by heart and yet remain an ass.

A fool can be wonderfully learned, and even if he has an alphabetical procession after his name *he's but a fool for a' that.*

The University professors are out of touch with realities, and their shadows fall across all the schools. Yet only one boy out of three hundred in the elementary schools ever reaches the University.

Quick—courageous

It is not important for a boy or girl to carry innumerable facts in the memory; but it is important to be able to lay hands upon a fact when it is needed.

The modern youth must be alert, quick in the uptake, capable of grasping the essentials of a thing without wasting time.

He should have initiative and courage and should be able to find out things for himself. He should be trained to see, hear, feel, think and act.

How many of these admirable qualities are inspired by the scheme of education which has been carefully devised for him?

The teacher grouses about the examination system, and the fare which he is paid to provide; but he has small sympathy with the employers who want neat little robots with a list of automatic virtues.

Scrooge demands Bob Cratchits—dozens of Bob Cratchits, with correct spelling, beautiful handwriting, reliable arithmetic, punctuality, respectfulness, gratitude, perseverance, and a complete lack of ambition.

Let them chatter

In structure all schools are alike in one respect—the desks are made for children to sit still and listen. The teacher does five times too much, the scholars five times too little. The adult is active, the children passive.

The children are aching to talk, longing to move about and do things.

They must be repressed into monastic silence and waxwork rigidity, and the man or woman who can achieve this victory over human nature is—amazing thought—valued as a good disciplinarian.

Parents are not hostile as they used to be. They are grateful because their children are healthier and happier than they were a generation ago.

In poor districts there are free breakfasts, and everywhere there is the medical inspection and school dentistry.

But the parents do wonder why the children are taught so much which has no practical value.

A girl should learn to cook, but why should she need to solve simultaneous equations and quadratics?

A boy must be able to read and write, but why should he read Dryden and Pope, and try to write like Addison or Stevenson?

The teachers are clever, conscientious, well-meaning; but haven't they got hold of the wrong end of the stick? Wouldn't it be better if they took a hint from the Chief Scout?

And if the bright boys and girls would be better for an extra year at school, does it follow that the "duds" should be kept there against their own inclinations?

Many people have a feeling that education leads to snobbery. The boys evince a contempt for hard manual work, and want to become clerks and accountants; the girls turn up their juvenile noses at housework and go off to become typists or stenographers.

Sweep out bullies!

The "respectable" or "smartly dressed" occupations are overcrowded, and parents write to the papers to declare that the modern young people have no grit.

It is easy to keep an illiterate nation in order; it can be fooled all the time. A well-educated and live nation would put its own house in order, and a twisty politician would be ruthlessly booted out of public life.

The statesman who runs straight has nothing to fear from education.

If Great Britain is to make good in the next decade the teachers will have an enormous share in the recovery. They will have to scrap obsolete ideas and defy University influences.

In fact, they will have to overhaul the whole system—sweep out the intellectual bullies and pedants who bestride the teacher like Old Men of the Sea.

Surely the time has come to shake them off and set the profession free.

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Raising the question in Parliament —Mr. Lovat Fraser

These children were left in awful conditions

Princess Alice is a champion of helpless mites

BABY-FARMING is as rampant to-day as it was in the bad old days.

Little children are still bought and sold into slavery or worse, and the Act which purports to protect their welfare stands to-day as a monument of paltering and ineffective legislation.

In 1926 a Bill was passed known as the Adoption of Children Bill. This measure was the result of the findings of a committee, under the chairmanship of Lord Tomlin, appointed in 1924 by the then Home Secretary.

The hope of those who brought the matter before the committee was to close some serious loopholes in the Children Act of 1908 and to put an end for ever to the baby-farmer.

The report of this committee stands almost unique for its narrowness of view and timidity of purpose.

All it and the subsequent Bill achieved was to legalise adoption. Even so, the Bill did not say that an adoption "*must*" be legalised. It merely said it "*may*."

Openly done

The chief evil was left as before, and in some cases the baby-farmer has even been enabled to draw the cloak of the law over his or her activities.

Every day advertisements appear in provincial newspapers offering to adopt or to hand over children for a premium.

Scores of so-called "homes" exist up and down the country, carrying on under the guise of "schools" and "maternity" homes, but in reality dealing in a traffic in small children.

For one case which reaches the publicity of the courts there are hundreds where the miseries of the tiny victims pass unnoticed, and their heartless oppressors go unmolested and unpunished.

Our records are full of such cases.

Only recently two women of independent means obtained a little girl of six and a half years through the medium of newspaper advertisement.

Before going to school she was made to scrub floors and clean the boots. She was suffering from swollen hands and feet and chilblains, and marks on her body suggested ill-treatment.

All her "adopted" life had been spent in the scullery where she had her meals.

When these two women discovered that enquiries were being made, they had the callous impudence to make an application to a magistrate for an adoption order under the 1926 Bill, a thing they had not troubled to do before.

This order would have given them full possession of the child with the status of parent. Fortunately, they were forestalled and the child removed.

A case illustrating the ease by which the law is evaded and the manner in which a livelihood is made out of children's suffering is that of two women named Grice and Graham.

These women obtained two children by means of newspaper advertisements. One was five months old and the other two months old.

For one they received a weekly payment of 12s. 6d. from the mother, a waitress; for the other they received a payment of £20 from the proprietress of a maternity-home.

One of the women gave the other as a reference in the correspondence which followed the advertisement, and made the usual profession of love for the child and a great desire to have it and "bring it up as her own."

In each instance the child was handed over at a railway-station so that neither the mother nor the maternity-home proprietress knew where it was to be kept.

The women had no settled home and had eventually to be tracked from place to place.

Subsequently they were prosecuted by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, since the police have no powers. Both babies were found to be in a shocking condition of emaciation and neglect.

Fed—the dogs!

The women bred Pekingese dogs, the money for the babies' upkeep being expended on these animals and the puppies receiving the milk and food which the children went without.

Grice and Graham received a sentence of six months' imprisonment, which is the maximum sentence the law allows.

The practice of handing over children at railway-stations is a common one amongst baby-farmers. All trace of the child is lost because of one serious loophole in the Act—the law gives them forty-eight hours' grace for the registration of a child if it is taken for "fee or reward."

We have numerous instances of a baby-farmer took over a child at a railway-station with a premium of £25 from the proprietress of a maternity home who had been paid to dispose of the child.

The same day it was handed over to another baby-farmer for £25, the first thus netting £25 on the transaction.

The second would, no doubt, dispose of the child to some person or other through an advertisement for a further profit. It might then go to some childless person who genuinely wanted to give it care, or to another who wanted a wageless drudge.

In any case the baby-farmer is indifferent as there is neither record of the child's movements nor the protection for its welfare.

One baby-farmer up to recently carried on an office in the Strand. All the children were received and disposed of within the prescribed period the law allows.

All his business was carried on by newspaper advertisements, some of which were world-wide.

A neighbour noticed in another that dried crusts of bread she was in the habit of placing in the garden the birds were disappearing very quickly.

Little drudge

She eventually discovered that one of eight who had been adopted by some well-to-do people who lived next door was the culprit.

The child used to go out into the garden and snatch the crusts, devouring them ravenously.

She was the starved and ill-used drudge of these people, and had it not been for this neighbour's vigilance their treatment of the child would never have been discovered.

In other instances, children have been sold into conditions which are unprintable in a public journal.

It should be made impossible for any one to take a child without satisfying responsible local authorities that she is a fit and proper person to maintain that child.

She should be duly licensed to do so, and the authority should be informed of the child's whereabouts.

And, finally, newspaper advertisements respecting the disposal of children should be definitely prohibited unless a licence showing the cognizance of the local authority is produced.

These are obvious measures, first and vitally necessary. They could be put into action with no extra machinery and with no hardship to anyone.

Child-life is, and should be, the first and sacred charge of the Government of this country, and further delay in strengthening the law means that a foul industry is perpetuated, and the lives of countless little children warped and blackened.

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WOMEN SLAVES of the SEA

"Grannie" has worked sixty of her eighty-two years in her little cottage by the sea

On the bleak east coast there is work for the girls in the net-mending shed

THE "call of the sea" is no mere romantic phrase to the deep-sea fisherman; it is a grim reality of peril and discomfort.

There are villages around the eastern fringe of Britain of which the male population is almost entirely composed of trawler and drifter men.

From father to son back for hundreds of years it has been their almost inevitable employment.

From them we drew the sailormen whose heroism and superb seamanship kept our seaways free from mines during the war; they turned the herring-fleet into minesweepers in the fight to stave off starvation from our land.

And conditions in these old-fashioned fishing-villages remind one again of the war, for this is the front line in the eternal battle against the sea.

For the greater part of the year the menfolk are away, and the villages are peopled with children and old men—and the wives and mothers who wait and keep the home fires burning.

There's a little village not far from the headquarters of the famous Yarmouth herring-fleet; a huddle of cottages whose neighbours are the grey North Sea and the bleak marsh. Here shelter perhaps one-fifth of the herring-fleet, owners and sailormen.

The sea's chains

Life here is lived according to the sea's unchanging time-table.

Directly the growing lads are old enough their mothers know that most of them will "go to sea." Usually they get their first hardening to the life as cooks on board the drifters and trawlers.

And for the girls are the village's net-mending sheds which are maintained by the boat owners for their gear.

The women "keep themselves to themselves," and marriages outside the village circle are the exception rather than the rule.

Most of the girls prefer to stay at home and work among friends; so many of the young as well as the older folk live out their lives by the sea's edge.

The net-menders work under the boat-owners of the village, the "aristocracy" of this little community.

An exacting job this "beating"! It takes a twenty-four-months' apprenticeship at 4s. 6d. for five and a half eight-hour days.

The experienced worker can earn no more than 22s. 11d. a week.

Examination of a Board of Trade table of figures shows that this is the lowest but one of the rates paid to women and girls in the lowest grades of experienced workers—sixpence an hour.

Yet net-mending is expert work. Watch the "beatsters" at it; their busy hands never falter among the delicate strands.

There is, they'll tell you, another snag to their job—they can only be sure of about eight months' employment each year.

From Easter to July or August the sheds are generally closed, and it is not easy for a girl trained only to this work to pick up a temporary job to tide her over these months.

Grannie's story

"Grannie," who has lived in her picturesque cottage for some sixty years, and still does her day's work with the best of them, has a story to tell of conditions as they were.

Left a young widow with nine children—eight of them boys—she received "relief" of 3s. a week. So she took to net "braiding," the old-fashioned work of making the nets at home.

There in her cottage she would sit up sometimes half the night after a day's work, to earn, in all, about 12s. 6d. a week.

When her daughter was old enough, she helped, bringing in her fourteen or sixteen pence.

"Grannie's" sons went to sea, and her grandsons after them—the youngest has just shipped on his first voyage. Stalwarts, all of them.

From these one hears of the mysteries of the division of the "spoils" of the sea.

An empty voyage

Sometimes one boat may bring as much as a couple of thousand pounds for the trip. From that all the expenses are paid and the remainder is divided between the owner, the skipper and the men.

Sometimes the owner takes the greater half of this amount; more when he skippers his own boat.

The remaining shares are allocated —the skipper getting round about a share and a half; but out of the money must first be paid the debt that has piled up during the trip, the weekly allowance that has gone to the dependants of the sailorman and his own pocket-money.

The harvest of the sea is fickle. If the trip has been a bad one, the sailorman may arrive home in debt to the owners, a debt that has to be taken into account before he can think of gains from the next trip.

Miracle homes

The wife of a mate on a boat has been receiving 23s. a week, and she has to pay for getting the money, which is not delivered free.

Out of her money is taken the two or three pence that the local carrier charges for delivery.

Sometimes she has had as much as 30s. a week, but more often it is nearer the twenties. Out of this comes for fuel, clothes, rates, insurances and club money.

Her little home is a triumph of management, spotless and bright, and her children are tidy and well-dressed.

As for the skipper, he *may* come home with nearly a hundred pounds from a lucky trip; but then, he is a highly trained man who, for his "ticket," first as mate and then as master, has had to "go to school" all over again and sit for his examinations at no small cost.

Ships that pass

And the owners? They have risen to a position of relative wealth by a combination of good luck and good management; they have invested their shares in boats, and their sons have come home."

Now they run their own cars, and can afford to buy house property.

Thus this small and apparently primitive village holds alike its rich and its poor, gaining their living from the sea.

These owners are kindly employers of folk, and the village, so inter-related, is a friendly if self-contained community.

The village "parson" defies the worst weather to take trips with seafaring men and boys.

It is his idea that in the church there stands this day a rough, workmanlike memorial made of ships' timbers, with its anchor and lanthorn: a solemn reminder of those who never again will return to their waiting womenfolk.

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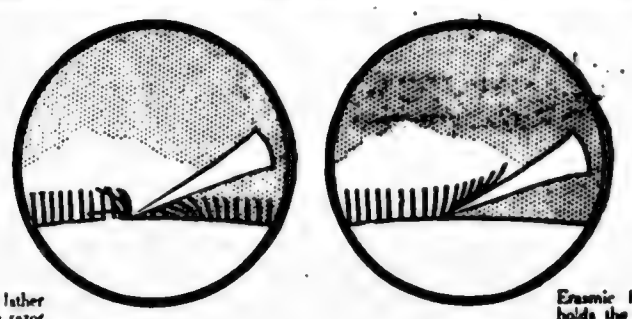

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THE idea of keeping to recognised air-routes has gone west, and public flying is becoming more and more a serious danger.

We shall soon be forced to have aerial police. Why not set about it now and be prepared?

The United States of America has formed a corps of sky patrol police—enter the "Sky Cop," the first in the world.

So far there are only two amphibian (land or water) planes, twelve pilots and twenty-five mechanics. Soon there will be many more.

We have much greater need of blue aces than America.

We lead the world in the total number of privately owned machines. A growing number of Continental countries are linking their services to Croydon, and our routes are more thickly peopled than those of any other country.

IN addition, British light planes are being heavily reduced in price, and this must add considerably to the number of civilian pilots within the next few years.

There are, of course, air laws, national and international, but no serious attempt has ever been made to enforce them.

The public safety, both in the air and on the ground, is being continually endangered in consequence.

Low flying still continues, and among many other risks that are being taken, the fliers go just where and how they please.

In some areas near the big cities they bring their blare and noise at all hours of the day into quiet homes.

Any machine coming from the Continent to Great Britain may now take any route it wishes. Wireless telephony has removed the necessity of checking by sight in and out at authorised points on land.

Planes report their presence and whereabouts by wireless telephony, and the air-corridor is taken to be unnecessary.

And the enforcement of all air law here is in the hands of earthbound cops.

Such a system is utter farce. It is impossible for any policeman to know whether or not a pilot is flying at safety height over a town or congested area, yet to fly under safety height over such places is a serious breach of the Air Navigation Act (1920), liable to be punished by a fine of £200 or six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Few land policemen are equipped to judge whether a machine is flying at 1,000 ft. or 5,000 ft., and as witnesses, except in cases where a machine brazenly "chimney hops," they are valueless.

What is even more obvious, earth police have seldom any means of securing the number of an offending plane, since it travels usually at about 100 m.p.h., and as long as it remains in the air the pilot is free to break whatever laws he cares, unchecked.

So far, it is not clear how the sky cop will patrol his "beat" when he appears.

Arthur N. Chamberlin, former newspaperman and assistant-secretary to Police Commissioner Whalen, of New York, heads America's sky cop force, and he has handed tear-bombs to his blue birds.

"Why should we carry guns?"

Mr. Chamberlin hits the nail on the head. It is impossible, for instance, for any London sky cop of the future to shoot up the pilot of a Paris-London Argosy because he won't stop at Caterham to explain why he made left and not right in passing a homeward bounder, also for Croydon.

In any breach of air law, the position of the passengers, if present, will always need to be considered.

It is, in fact, very difficult to understand why the New York air police have tear-bombs.

Apart from the uncertainty of target-finding and the danger of hitting some innocent, gum-chewing citizen of New York ambling down below on the side-walk, a tear-bombed pilot would find his flying efficiency severely impaired if his condition were unduly lachrymose.

So attacked, he might easily crash down on the centre of the town.

But such a possibility by no means rules bombs and machine-guns out of the equipment of the sky cop of to-morrow.

AIR traffic will grow immensely in volume, and the time is at hand when many valuable freights will find their way, above the earth, from place to place.

Machines already leave Croydon carrying seven-figure value bullion. These planes usually travel alone over vast areas of wild, lonely country, far from the range of the human eye.

They avoid great centres with the obvious intention of maintaining the secrecy under which their line of route must necessarily be cloaked.

Who would be bold enough to phesy against the coming of the pirate?

The sea pirate materialised the seas were not policed. He his plunder in unprotected seas, aided by his government and re gracefully from the main when tion made his job impracticable.

One can foresee that the bu planes of the future, as well as carrying other valuable freights, be accompanied by sky cops, at least, have air police vigilance their routes.

WHEN the air police begin operate, a new set of will be required, in spi the fact that many na are signatories to an air conventi

In America there is confusion cause there is no uniform code State and city has different laws.

Knowledge of this difficulty sh at once bring the European Power gether in a conference to thrash useful general code.

What kind of men—or women—the new blue aces be? This is American specification:

"Physically he" (no "she" is tioned) "must have a good past tory, sound pulmonary, cardiovasc gastrointestinal, central nervous genitourinary systems; freedom material structural defects or lim tions, and from diseases of the ductless glands.

"He must have also normal co peripheral and colour vision; no judgment of distance; only s defects of ocular muscle balance; dom from ocular disease; absence obstructive or diseased conditio the ear, nose and throat; and no normalities of equilibrium that w interfere with flying."

IT sounds formidable, but there a few million young fellows Britain ready to qualify.

If the recruit satisfies these quirements and possesses perhaps certificate of conduct from his v there is every chance of Scotland Y or whichever body controls the to accepting him.

It seems a large order when c pared with the standards require the average land cop. But p physical strength and a large ch measurement are totally unnecess to a sky cop.

It may even ruin his chances being accepted, since the aver earth policeman would be unable t himself inside the cockpit of a mod single-seater machine.

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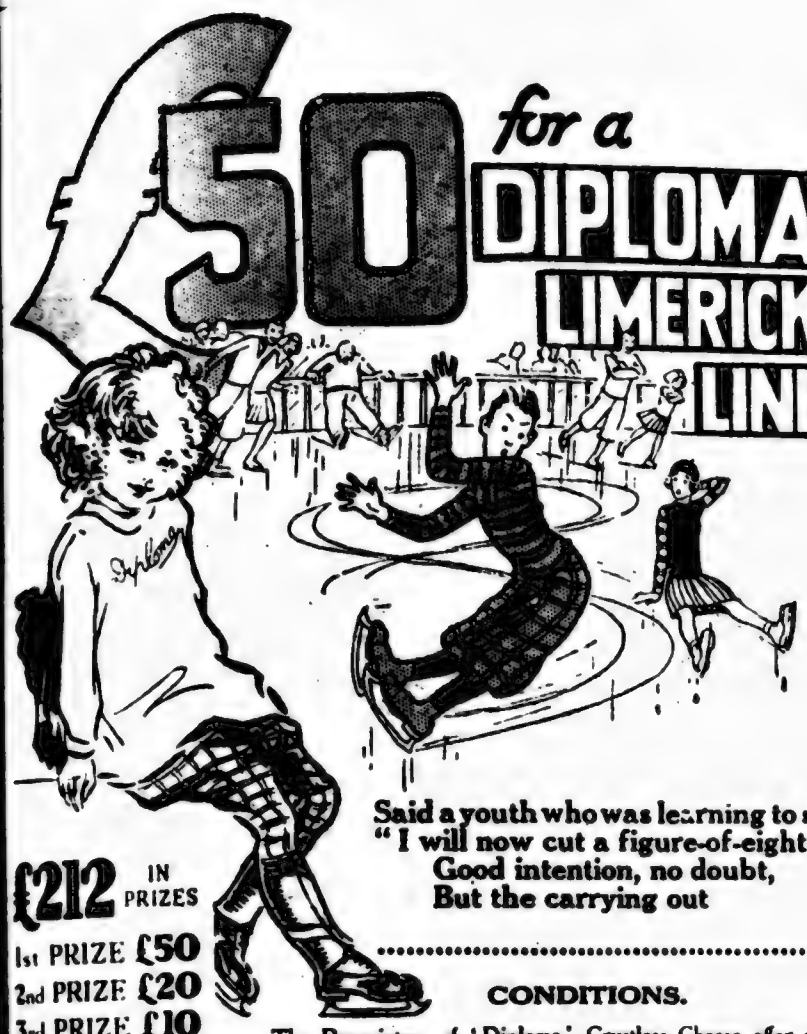

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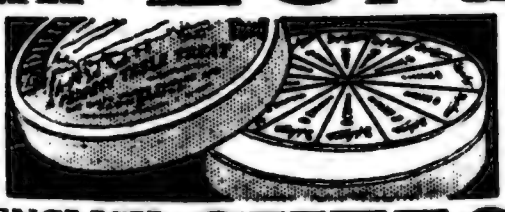

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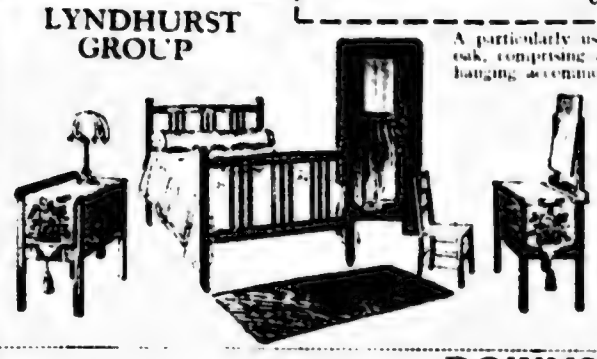

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THIS is a true story, told to my mother seventy-three years ago by a young actress whom I will name Emily Gaunt. I was then a child of six, with an odd habit of listening silently to the talk of my elders and repeating in my mind every word they spoke.

I do not offer this as a verbatim report. My memory is not equal to such a feat as that.

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"You have news for me, Emily," said my mother as we sat in the twilight after tea.

"Yes," Miss Gaunt answered, "I have an old story and a new one: my only romance."

"You don't mean to say"—my mother struck in quickly.

"No. Not that. But listen. I must go back quite ten years. Before I met you I was only a girl of eighteen, and I was out with one of old Laxton's companies, doing the smalls.

"Business was bad and times hard. I'd only a guinea a week to tour on, and I lived chiefly on tea and expectations.

"It was mid-winter and we were playing at Cherley, in Lancashire. Oh, *such* a town. The thought of it ages me. The theatre was like a barn and we had to get to our dressing-room up a raking-piece with ribs nailed across it—just like hens go up to roost.

"I needn't tell you we girls were always wickedly poor. But that week we were worse than usual. The whole six of us could not have flown a half-penny kite among us, for if we had bought the kite we couldn't have raised a ball of string.

"And, oh, we were so jolly hungry. And the boys of the company were as poor as we were, and even worse off, for they were always thirsty as well.

"It was cruel to see the poor fellows flourish empty property-cups in a drinking chorus, pretend to drink the wine, and cry out, 'Ha! Ha!'"

"I have," my mother remarked, "more than once cried, 'Ha! ha!' when I didn't mean it. I have frequently helped other ladies of title to banquet joyously off a cold sausage and a penny roll."

"Good acting. Well, the five other girls had got lodgings together in Chorley, and I had found shelter at a small dairy farmhouse a good two miles out of town, and as there were no trains and I had no money I was obliged to walk home at night through the dark, muddy lanes after theatre-time and alone.

"ONE black, wet night I was trudging along, between eleven and half-past, and had gone about half-way on my journey when I thought I heard someone cross the road in front of me.

"It was too dark for me to be sure, and the splashing of the rain sounded enough like footsteps to leave me in doubt.

"I felt nervous, and I stopped and listened and peered ahead for a moment before I went on. When I did go on, I went slowly and with that horrid feeling one has sometimes in the dark, that there is some other person present.

"That feeling is often true, and so it was this time. Before I had taken another ten steps forward a man seemed to rise up out of the hedge and stand right in the middle of the way. I was horribly afraid; but I knew it was useless to run, so I went forward.

"When I got within reach of him he said, 'Good evening, miss,' and I said, 'Good evening, sir,' and stopped.

"I felt as if I should faint. We stood looked at each other a while, and I heard heart beating and felt the rain ning down my face and trying between my lips.

"I listened for any sound of a or foot, but there was no sound but splash of the rain and the man's breathing.

"He was a big, rough man, clad, and had his jacket buttoned to his chin. He had no was soaked with the rain.

"As he didn't speak and I was I should swoon away with fright I asked him what he wanted. answer made me shudder.

"He said: 'I want food, or I hell. I don't care which I get.'

"I began to say I was sorry, stopped me. 'Look here,' he said 'can't eat pity. I want food.'

"I said: 'You poor man, I and I'm very hungry myself.'

"He gave a kind of gasp, might have been a laugh, and said 'If you've got any money you'd hand it over and make no fuss. at the far end and I won't be blamed.'

"My dear, my heart missed a had not a farthing about me, and only three shillings at home, which had put by for the rent. I felt my flesh begin to creep with fear as I looked at him.

"HIS eyes, my dear, his eyes! looked like a famished wolf's. But my only chance was to talk, so I said:

"'I haven't any money. Really, haven't a coin in my possession. I a very poor girl. I would gladly give you if I could.'

"'Well,' said the poor wretch, 'then a watch, a ring, a brooch, anything that will buy a meal. It will be better for you to be honest with me.'

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"THE TRAMP"

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"There were no rings for poor Emily then. I had not a trinket to my name. I had nothing on that would have sold for a shilling, except my clothes, and they were triumphs in the art of making the best of a bad business.

"I felt my eyes fill with tears and my knees grow limp. I said I had nothing that I could give or he could take, except my poor young life.

"When I said that he laughed again, and I felt I would rather have heard the snarl of a savage dog than that ugly laugh. Then he came close to me and took hold of my wrist.

"I shook with horror as he spoke to me. He said: 'It's dark and nobody near at hand; it's late, too, and nobody likely to come. It would be easy for me to strangle you and cover you with wet leaves!'"

"'You poor child,' my mother said. 'It was enough to frighten you to death.'

"Yes. While he was saying those awful words he held me tight, and I could feel that he was very strong. But somehow the grip of his fingers seemed to put new spirit into me.

"It wasn't courage. I was worse scared than ever. It must have been the desperate rage of cowardice.

"Anyway, I spoke up firmly and said: 'I have no money, or you'd be welcome to it. You need it more than I. But I'm strong and I will fight if you try to hurt me, and I'll scream; I have a strong voice. Let me go.'

"Then he growled; yes, he growled: 'Do your worst. I can only swing for it, and I don't care.'

"I felt that if I had screamed he would have strangled me; but I didn't. I had a sudden idea. I said: 'Don't be cruel and don't be foolish.

"'I LIVE a mile from here, and at home I have three shillings. If you will let me go I will give you my word I'll come back and bring the money to you.'

"He stood for, oh, *such* a long while holding my wrist and glaring at me. Then he said:

"'I think you're a plucky wench and you look honest. I'll risk it. But mind, if you break your word I'll wait for you another night, and then——'

"He released my arm and walked beside me till we came to the field near the farm. Then he said he would wait for me a little way down the lane, and if I brought anyone with me I might say my prayers.

"I ran to the farm, got the poor three shillings, and ran back without saying a word to a soul.

"I met the tramp in the lane a hundred yards from the gate and gave him the three shillings: all the money—all I had.

"He took it, looked at it as it lay in his big fist and said: 'You're a plucky one. You've saved my life and your own. This is the first robbery I ever did—and it's the last.'

"I said: 'Well, good night, and please think of it as a gift and nothing worse. I'm very sorry for you.'

"And I was going. But the man stood still and asked my name. I told him and he said: 'Good-night, then—and God bless you.'

"Then he vanished into the dark.

"I could not hear his steps. I could only hear the quick patter of the rain, the sighing of the trees, and the gurgle of the water in the flooded ditches.

"It was twelve o'clock before I got to bed. Then I lay awake an hour or more thinking of that desperate, starving man, without a bed or any kind of shelter.

"'THAT'S the old adventure, my dear. Now for the new one.

"A year ago I was with a sharing company at a most awful place called Tony Pandy. My dear, there was nothing to share. We were right on the rocks.

"I owed my landlady a week's rent, and I was down to my last shilling. I was a bit under the weather, too, and was feeling as miserable as a sick monkey.

"I had breakfasted on a cup of tea and a slice of dry toast when Mrs. Davies came in and said there was a gentleman to see me. I asked what kind of a gentleman, and she said: 'Quite a respectable person; going grey.'

"In the mean little parlour I found a big man, well and warmly dressed and looking rather like a sea captain.

"He bowed and said: 'Good morning, lady; I'm down here on business, and hearing you were at the theatre I made bold to call. We have met before; but you will not remember me.'

"'HE smiled then, very pleasantly, and offered me a card. Wondering what it all meant, I took the card and read: 'Martin Sweetapple, Builder and Contractor, Harrogate.'

"I said: 'Thank you, Mr. Sweetapple; but I really don't remember——'

"'No,' he said, 'I'm a contractor now; when I met you before I was a tramp.'

"Well, I could only repeat in a silly way: 'A tramp?'

"'Yes,' he said, 'there's a difference between a contractor and a tramp, lady. But not as much difference as you might think. A contractor's a tramp with money and work and a tramp's a contractor out of a job.

"'When people want men like me we are splendid English navvies, the finest in the world. When they have no need for us we are tramps.'

"Well, I told him I understood his meaning; but I could not remember having seen him before.

"'No?' he said. 'It was nine years ago, in a dark lane, late on a bad night. I told you I could easily kill you and cover you with wet leaves.'

"'You?' I said. I remembered him then; but I wasn't alarmed, only surprised. He had a strong, honest face and nice, grey eyes. I asked him to sit down.

"'You were very brave that time,' he said, 'but you must have thought me a murderous brute. I was only bluffing, though. I ask you to believe that.

"'I was down and out and desperate; but I could not have hurt a hair of your pretty young head. I felt the meanest kind of cur to take your money, and I've been ashamed of myself ever since.'

"I said: 'I did not blame you then, and I don't now.'

"He thanked me quietly and continued his tale. 'It's like this,' he said. 'I found you a real sport that night, and I hope you will be a real sport now and not turn me down.'

"'WELL, of course I had no idea what he could be leading up to; but I said if I could be of any use to him I would; and then, with a good deal of stammering and hesitating, this big tramp gave me to understand that as I had helped him in his need he wanted to repay the debt.

"He had learned, it seems, that the company had crashed, and at last he blurted out:

"'I've never forgotten how plucky you were and how kind, and—and I've got heaps of money, heaps and heaps, and if you won't forgive me and use some as if it was your own I shall hate the stuff and be damned to it.'"

"Emily," my mother interrupted, "you didn't turn the man down?"

"My dear. What could I do? I was ill, I was out of work, I was in debt, I had only a shilling. So I did what you would expect a silly woman to do. I said I could not think of accepting anything, and burst into tears.

"And he did what you would expect a strong man to do. He paid no heed to my refusal; but laid three shillings on the table and said: 'That's what you lent me, miss; and here's the interest, and I'll call again this afternoon if I may.'

"With that he put two five-pound notes besides the shillings, and walked out without another word.

"After that he had his own way. We girls were tired and weak and hungry and scared, and he was used to command. There were three girls besides me and five men.

"He paid all their fares home as well as mine to London. I had no home, and he said he hoped to see me some day soon in a good company and doing well and handsome."

"And did he see you again?" my mother asked.

"Of course, he did. I knew he would; but I did not get the good company or the good part.

"My engagements were all in third-rate provincial towns for a week or a fortnight at a salary of a pound or thirty shillings—when we got it.

"AND everywhere that Emily went her tramp was sure to go. Mind, he never intruded. He never wrote. He never asked to meet me. He would come and see the show, and next morning he would leave a bouquet at my lodgings.

"But—I was worried. I had grown like him. He was so strong and so quiet.

"And, then, I was nearly twenty-eight, and I was so weary of the road and the disappointment, and so afraid of the future. So I—so I——

"Well, one morning, last month, I was in Rochdale. When he called at my lodgings with the flowers I got up early and lay in wait for him.

"Wise woman," from [illegible]

"Well?"

"Well. When he was asked in and found me waiting for him the big [illegible] looked quite taken aback. Do you know, he began to apologise.

"And I took my courage in both hands and said: "For [illegible] don't make excuses. You [illegible] kind, and I don't know what [illegible]

"'Tell me,' I said, blushing [illegible] my face and half-way down my back, 'why do you trouble to come and see me act? I'm a poor actress [illegible] do you bring me flowers?'

"And he said: 'I hope you are not offended. I can't help it. I have to come.'

"Then I felt my knees go weak as they had in the lane near Chorley, and my heart seemed to be turning over slowly, but I clenched my fists [illegible] looked him straight in the eyes and said:

"'Well, Martin, if you are so very keen to see me, why don't you ask me to marry you?'"

MY mother clapped her hands. "And what did he say?" she asked, eagerly.

"Oh, my dear," Miss Gale shook her head, "he didn't say anything at all. Not a word."

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He had sailed for Australia, leaving a pathetic letter to the parish inspector pleading that the parish should support me until he found work on the other side of the water.

I must gratefully acknowledge the kindness with which, up to some months ago, this help was forthcoming.

Later, when I heard from my husband, it was only to tell me that he had fallen "out of the frying-pan into the fire," for he could not find work.

I was unable to reply to this letter as it bore no permanent address, and I heard nothing further until November last year.

I then had a letter from a woman friend in Australia enclosing a newspaper-cutting.

This reported that a man of the same name as my husband, and answering to his description in every particular, had been murdered while undergoing a short sentence in prison.

The story was that the man, an emigrant in sore straits, had stolen a pair of boots. In consideration of his plight, he had been given a nominal punishment of one month's imprisonment.

A man, detained on a charge of murder, was in the prison-kitchen where my husband had been set to peel potatoes. When my husband was not looking the man plunged a knife into his back.

After correspondence, first with the Consulate and then with the prison governor, I found it only too true that the victim of this prison outrage was my poor husband and that I was now a penniless widow.

The parish authorities refuse further help, but express the belief that some compensation is due to me because it was carelessness on the part of the prison authorities that led to the loss of my husband.

I should like your advice, because I am thrown back on my parents, who are very, very poor, and my children have still to be reared.

"HUMANIST" says: I am sending you, privately, information which I trust will help you.

Meanwhile, do your utmost to obtain work. I doubt if you have any claim on the prison authorities.

THE MISFIT
of the missionaries

EVER since I learned to think for myself I have been an extremely miserable man. This is the reason.

I was born in my native island of Ceylon, of somewhat well-to-do parents. They were keen on my education, and gave me schooling in the leading college out there; but, very unhappily for me, they died, leaving me orphaned before this education was completed.

The bereavement altered all my prospects, especially on the financial side.

I was given into the guardianship of an English medical missionary, under whose influence my views and ideas became completely Westernised.

As a result, I cannot any more live at all happily with my own countrymen. Ceylon, like India, is noted for caste distinction. There are difficulties resulting from this that affect every detail of life.

To rid myself of the irritation, I took to a seafaring life. I have sailed to all quarters of the globe, and now, after two or three years of the roughest adventuring, I find myself for the first time in this country.

Thanks to my missionary friend, I felt instantly at home on landing. England suits me in every respect. But I find myself misunderstood. My colour-tinge erects a barrier across which friends do not pass.

I feel that fate, over which I personally have had no control, has dealt me a scurvy trick.

I cannot find a niche anywhere to rise in life, nor an opening for what I venture to think is my real ability.

"HUMANIST" says: Your difficulty arises from your repudiation of your own countrymen, an effect education should never produce.

Possibly the denomination that took you in hand as a boy could find valuable work for you to do in Ceylon. Write to its missionary headquarters and ask.

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FATHER-HYPOCRITE
must be tackled

I AM the second daughter of a family of three, all girls. My mother is a confirmed invalid and has been bedfast for eleven years.

Both my elder and younger sisters are out in the world earning good wages and having a good time.

I, who cannot get out for more than a few moments at a time to do shopping, wear my sisters' cast-offs. My father refuses to pay me a single penny over and above what is needed for food.

He behaves in a rough, hectoring manner, and it is only my devotion to mother that keeps me here at all.

Mother, still blindly trusting him, always begging me to make home comfortable for dad."

Upstairs, he foments the care by pretending to be a very loving husband.

Once downstairs, his manner changes, and latterly he has emphasised this by bringing a woman to the house twice a week, ordering me to prepare a meal for him and her before they set out together.

When I remonstrated, he dared me to tell mother, considering the effect it would have on her health.

So now I am in a quandary, and my sisters, to whom I have mentioned the misery, simply refuse to come home and have anything whatever to do with the problem.

"HUMANIST" says: You sisters are behaving selfishly, as there is no reason in your being the only one to make sacrifices. Insist upon them joining you in tackling your father.

You will help your mother best by putting matters on a business footing.

DIRTY WORK
at the golf club

EMPLOYED as a clerk at a golf club for several months, I was gradually entrusted with most of the secretarial work.

From the first I felt [illegible] set for me by the steward.

He began by presenting me with packets of cigarettes, which I accepted, until too late I discovered they were taken out of club stock and not accounted for.

Then meals were offered, which innocently enough I regarded as perquisites to my job, until I looked more closely into the club accounts and discovered the whole thing was more than a little shady.

I now find that the steward is suffering wholesale and is totally unfit to hold such a position of trust.

My duty, I know, is to expose him to the committee, but if I do so I must perforce implicate myself and shall perhaps lose my position.

Please tell me how to set matters right and at the same time avoid running any risk?

"HUMANIST" says: Your offence is only serious if you persist in it after that you know. You must refuse the steward's gifts and make a clean breast of the affair to the chairman of the club.

Football Forecasts for May 3. *by JOCK RUTHERFORD*

The Final Whistle

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—Division I.

ARSENAL v. Aston Villa.
BIRMINGHAM v. Leicester City.
BLACKBURN ROVERS v. Liverpool.
Burnley v. Derby County.
EVERTON v. Sunderland.
Huddersfield Town v. Grimsby Town.
MANCHESTER U. v. Sheffield U.
MIDDLESBROUGH v. Bolton Wanderers.
NEWCASTLE U. v. West Ham U.
Portsmouth v. LEEDS UNITED.
SHEFFIELD WED. v. Manchester City.

Division II.

Barnsley v. Oldham Athletic.
BRADFORD v. Millwall.
Bury v. Chelsea.
CHARLTON ATH. v. Bradford City.
HULL CITY v. Wolverhampton W.
NOTTS FOREST v. Blackpool.
PRESTON NORTH END v. Bristol City.
READING v. Swansea Town.
STOKE CITY v. Tottenham Hotspur.
WEST BROMWICH A. v. Southampton.

Division III. (South)

BRISTOL ROVERS v. Brent[illegible]
Clapton Orient v. Brighton
COVENTRY CITY v. Swin[illegible]
CRYSTAL PALACE v. Bo[illegible]
Fulham v. Queen's Park Ra[illegible]
GILLINGHAM v. Luton Tow[illegible]
Merthyr Town v. NEWPOR[illegible]
NORTHAMPTON v. Southe[illegible]
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v. W[illegible]
Torquay United v. Exeter C[illegible]
WALSALL v. Norwich City.

Division III. (North)

Barrow v. SOUTHPORT.
CARLISLE UNITED v. Wi[illegible]
Crewe Alexandra v. PORT[illegible]
Rotherham U. v. Hartlep[illegible]
ROCHDALE v. York City.
SOUTH SHIELDS v. Acc[illegible]
STOCKPORT COUNTY v. [illegible]
WREXHAM v. Nelson.

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"Cissie" No More

As a schoolmaster, some of my most delightful hours are spent with my boys at their games. At such times I am one of them, and learn more of their characters than they realise themselves.

Of course, all heated arguments are referred to me, and woe betide my prestige at a hasty decision.

I watch them develop manliness and self-reliance, and have coaxed and goaded many a "Cissie" into a doughty champion.

My difficulties and worries on the boys' behalf are amply rewarded by an overheard remark, "Teacher's a good sport, isn't he?"—*F. N., Aintree.*

Her Safety-Valve

I am a girl living in a quiet district where diversions are few, so sport means a tremendous amount to me.

It is a solace and a safety-valve. Without it I should probably become morbidly depressed; but, as it is, the thought of "games ahead" acts as a tonic when life looks black.

It gives me a feeling of physical well-being; it gives me comradeship, excitement, happiness—in fact, practically everything that makes life worth living.—*Lover of Sport, Hunts.*

Best Introduction

As a commercial traveller, I meet all sorts and conditions of people.

During youth and early manhood I played Soccer and cricket, and later on took up golf and bowls.

I am also interested in swimming, Rugby and other sports, though I do not participate.

The result is that I am rarely at a loss in "breaking the ice" with a potential customer.

My belief is that an all-round interest in sport is about the best personal equipment the modern "commercial" can have.—*Handy Cap, Paisley.*

—to the Dogs

What was a peaceful and happy home before the introduction of greyhound and dirt-track racing has now become a hell upon earth.

When my husband returned from his work, his whole attention was devoted to our home and children. His wages were handed over cheerfully, and never once did he enquire what I did with the money.

Now all that is changed. He is more concerned about dogs and motor-cycles than about his house and family, and his money is spent in betting.—*"Dolores," N.B.*

Among the Stars

I am an onlooker. Active participation in sport does not appeal to me. What I like is to watch the "stars"; to me they are people who know their job.

I look on and am happy because I enjoy seeing an expert give of his best, and sport gives the finest opportunity to see it.

As I go back to the job which I have left with failing interest, I feel the spur to stick it, get out of the rut, and cultivate that untiring perseverance which makes the "star."—*V. McD., Edinburgh.*

Good—for Him

He is a clerk employed in the same office as myself; he is also captain and secretary of the works football team.

For an hour or so at a time he will gossip with the workmen, always giving a plausible excuse for his absence from his post.

Particular care is taken each Saturday that he leaves the office in good time for the game. All correspondence relating to football is written during office hours.

The outcome is that I have to make good his remissness, and I usually leave the office at 7 p.m., instead of 5.30 p.m. He calls himself a sportsman.—*Behind the Scene, Blackpool.*

Cripple's Part

It gives me the joy of service for others. I am a cripple, and unable to enter sport as an athlete.

The position of secretary to a football club and scorer to a cricket club gives me the feeling that I am enabled to do something for the workers.

I help them to spend their Saturday afternoons in good, clean, honest comradeship, whether as spectators or players.—*Hon. Secretary, Barnsley.*

Memories

Very little nowadays, owing to having reached my sixty-eighth year.

I remember what sport was like in the old days, when super-professionalism was practically non-existent and players could not be bought and sold like prize cattle.

As for the Turf, not seeing the fun of keeping bookmakers in affluence by trying to spot elusive winners, I prefer to hear my friends talk about it, and think of the times when I saw such men as Fred Archer ride to victory.—*C. Rockley, London.*

Through the Ether

There would be little chance of sport touching my life at all if it were not for the wireless.

But through this medium I can enjoy a sporting thrill occasionally—the football matches (how I look forward to the final at Wembley!), the Grand National just passed, the Derby to come, tennis, etc.

Even the Boat Race means something of interest now. Think of when we shall "see" as well as hear!—*D. Gillard, Southampton.*

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I long to see the actual [illegible] to see the beautiful, glis[illegible] of the horses, the green t[illegible] the roar of the crowds. [illegible] Whirr-r-r! Buzz-z-z! "H[illegible] *Each Way," Chichester.*

Miner's Solace

To exchange the coal-b[illegible] grime of the mine for white flann[illegible] and hob-nailed boots for canvas [illegible] is a change which goes far to mitigate the hardship and monotony associated with work underground.

Incidentally, the fact that I and my fellow-miners can play tenn[illegible] is a striking tribute to the wisdom which originated the idea that a penny should be levied on all coal raised for welfare purposes. The humble penny means health.—*Racket, New Scaha[illegible]*

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SPRINTS

I lost 40 per cent. of my [illegible] in the game with Germany some years ago owing to many fouls and no referee, umpire, or linesmen.—*Fanch[illegible], Port Glasgow.*

As a newsboy, sport provides me with a profitable occupation, dispos[illegible] of the sporting editions of the [illegible] papers.—*Norman Andrews, Hulme.*

If my husband was more [illegible] and thought less about sport [illegible] life would be happier.—*S[illegible] Mrs. Earnock.*

It keeps me in a supple [illegible] condition, as well as teach[illegible] the game we all should learn [illegible] give and take.—*H. Kerr, L[illegible]*

Sport, like fire, is a good [illegible] a bad master, and I have [illegible] fight against its alluring [illegible] *G. B., Norfolk.*

My sport lies in supply[illegible] and tennis equipment to [illegible] Rutherford and Betty Nu[illegible] income that barely suppli[illegible] —*Chip's Wife, Govan.*

Race with "Silver Ring"

The Golden Guineas

His Press Gang for me

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Their form last season was splendid. Ballyferis captured four of five races, Press Gang three of five, and Diolite three of five. Not one was out of the first three on any occasion.

So, really, it is a question of which has made most improvement.

Diolite has been well supported to win the Derby. Ballyferis, I know, is doing very well at Newmarket, and [illegible] Darling has excellent trial tackle. [illegible] I fancy Lord Woolavington's Press Gang will come out on top.

The Beckhampton colt [illegible] in the Derby or the St. Leger; but [illegible] mation is right, he will prove as good a horse as Captain Cuttle. [illegible] Call Boy, the three sons of Hurry On, to win the Epsom "Classic."

Fair Diana or Quinine [illegible] probably be very "hot" for the fillies' race, but Queen of the Nore, each-way [illegible] the best betting medium.

Jumpers rule the roost [illegible] Sandown Park this week-end. I suggest Drim and Irony as the best betting [illegible]

"JOHN BULL'S" CODE

The code for this week [illegible] follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, May 1, to Wednesday, May [illegible]

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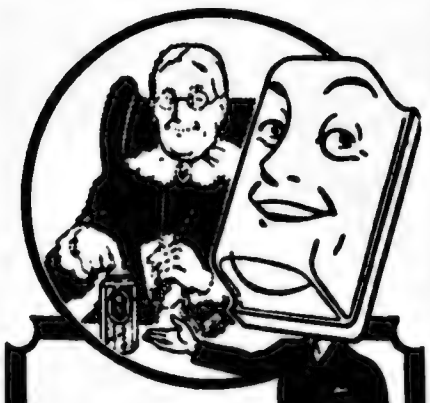

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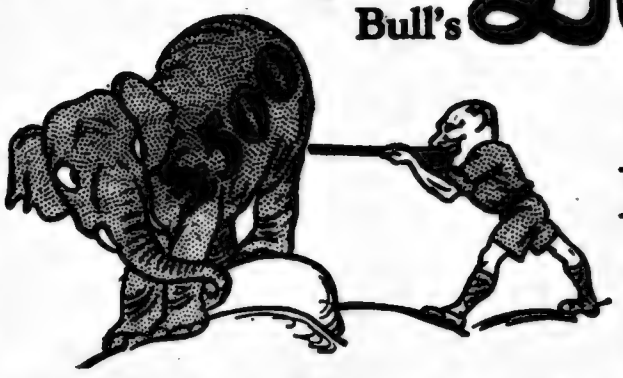

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Solution of puzzle will be published in JOHN BULL on sale Thursday, May 15th. Winner will be given in JOHN BULL on sale Thursday, May 22nd.

Result of Crossword No. 59 appears on page 33.

Read these Rules and Conditions Carefully

1. Fill in puzzle opposite **IN ORDINARY INK**, not copying-ink or copying-ink pencil, sign your name and write your address in BLOCK CAPITALS. Cut out coupon, place it with a Postal Order value sixpence in an envelope bearing **three-halfpenny** stamp and post to **"John Bull," Crosswords (No. 62), 37, Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)**, so as to reach us not later than noon on Thursday, May 8th.

Entry MUST be sent by post.

2. Postal Orders must be made payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and crossed — / & Co. / — and the date of sending the order, complete with the name and address of competitor, must be written on the back. The number of the Postal Order must be written in the space provided in the Entry Form. Stamps cannot in any circumstances be accepted.

3. No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for any Coupon lost, delayed, not delivered or mislaid. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery and no correspondence will be entered into.

4. In the event of a tie the £500 prize will be divided between those competitors whose coupons are correct or contain fewest errors, but no competitor shall receive more than one prize. Competitors should note that errors are computed according to the number of words which incorrectly answer the clues given.

5. Mutilated or altered Entry Forms will be disqualified. Solutions must be complete and filled in on Entry Forms provided.

6. **No competitor may send in more than the two solutions "A" and "B" provided for on the Entry Forms.**

7. The correct solution of the puzzle is known only to the Editor and will be kept under seal until all entries have been received.

8. The result of this competition will be published in the issue of JOHN BULL on sale **Thursday, May 22nd.** Any competitor who claims to have sent in a solution which is identical with the published solution or contains as few errors as the competitor announced as the £500 prize-winner may have a scrutiny by demanding the same by or before first post, **Tuesday, May 27th,** after which date the prize-money will be dispatched and no claims will be considered.

9. If such demand is found to be correct the result will be amended accordingly and any competitor demanding a scrutiny must accept as final the result of such scrutiny as certified by the Editor.

10. Every request for a scrutiny must be made by Registered Letter only and must be accompanied by a remittance of £5, which will be returned to the competitor if his claim proves valid.

Request for scrutiny must be addressed to:—**The Competition Editor, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.**

Envelopes should be marked "Scrutiny" in top left-hand corner. All applications must be accompanied by a copy of Entry Forms and number of Postal Order. No claims for scrutiny can be entertained in connection with the additional award of £50 cash, the winners of which will be finally decided according to the result of our careful searches of all entries.

11. Entries for this competition must not be enclosed with "Bullets" entries or other correspondence addressed to JOHN BULL.

12. The Editor's decision is final and legally binding in all matters relating to this competition and acceptance of this condition is an express condition of entry.

13. Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and members of their families are not allowed to compete.

14. Failure to comply with any of the conditions involves disqualification.

Closing Date, Thursday (Noon), May 8th.

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"JOHN BULL" CROSSWORD No. 62

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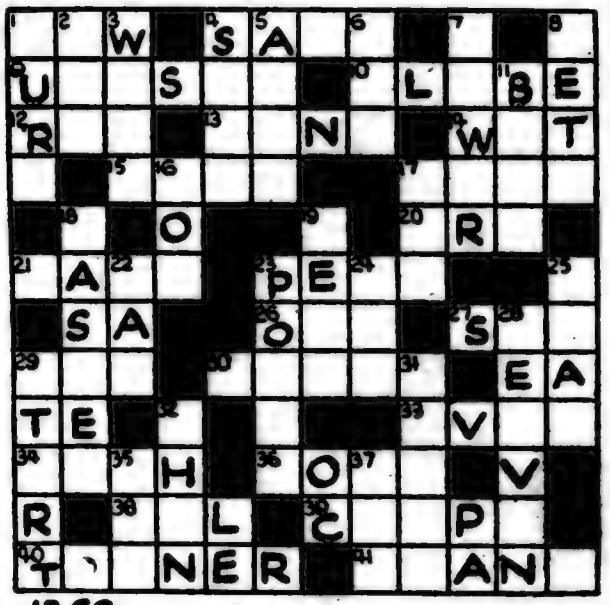

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Do not separate these forms.

Entry Form "B."

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In entering this Competition I agree to abide by the Editor's decision as final in all matters appertaining thereto and enclose 6d. P.O. No.....

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SIGNED .....

ADDRESS .....

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Closing Date Thursday (noon) May 8th.

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N.B.—Cut the above Form out complete.

Don't run the risk of being late—fill in and post your coupons early.

Clues Across.

1. Gives us milk.
4. Well equipped mentally.
9. Agreement.
10. Earth.
12. Easy.
13. Of narrow length.
14. Very moist.
15. Adam's garden.
17. Give us honey.
20. Skill.
21. This is sharp.
22. Turf used as fuel.
26. Propels a boat.
27. Feminine pronoun.
29. Pig home.
30. Wooden structure.
33. Egg-shaped.
34. Curved structure.
35. Clogs the chimney.
36. Grassy field.
37. Worn in mourning.
40. Slang for sum of money.
41. Facial expression.

Clues Down.

1. Some medicines do to a cold.
2. Single item.
3. Of much breadth.
4. Only.
5. Immediately.
6. Man lays it.
7. A worker.
8. Double does this.
11. Bird vegetable.
16. Canine animal.
17. Used in cricket.
18. Liners are becoming.
19. Describes a skinflint.
20. Negative.
23. Editor's bugbears.
24. Part of a circle.
25. She likes this sort of fur.
28. Purposes.
29. Begin.
31. Travellers put up at.
32. Young shaver often damages it.
35. Study carefully.
37. A sphere.

Chambers's 20th Century Dictionary, Nuttall's Dictionary [illegible] used in compiling [illegible]

Solution of 'John Bull' X-Word No. 60.

JB 60

Result will be published next week. The solution of this X-word No. 60 is [illegible] with as matter of [illegible] our X-word compilers wish to emphasise that claims are required for X-word, as all [illegible] being carefully examined by our staff.

M. T. (Dorchester).—"Women are all the same." Sir, figures disprove that statement.

THE Editor Replies

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service

P. (Hove).—Guess what she said I asked her age?" Guess?

L. (Lincoln).—"I have already ied sleeping out in the garden." spring-cleaning a nuisance?

V. (Ely).—"How can I write an rbing novel?" Have it printed on ing-paper.

T. Tamworth).—"I always hold own in the dance-room." Won't the le: you dance with anyone else?

S. D. (Aberdeen).—"Will the e: create a fashion note?" Yes; will be worn long and belts er.

HEL B. (Hounslow).—"I am engaged waiter, and I feel I can rely upon ." Yes, he'll stick to you through and clear.

N. (Exeter).—"Whilst in Chicago w a card-player hold thirteen ps." Did the coroner ask you questions?

M. (Brighton).—"You can't do than come down to Brighton for d." Thanks. We find it quite easy one here.

S. L. (Epping).—"I saw a violet in woods this morning. Wasn't it ?" How can we say, when you tell us the time?

TRALTO (Gorey).—"You can cure lf of fatness by singing in the room every day." But how can you yourself of singing in the bathroom day?

C. S. (Cardiff).—There are almost housand different kinds of whistles." the average dog-owner usually gives after about the five-hundredth, and to chase the little brute.

P. (Bude).—"If these running com- aries on the wireless continue, foot- matches will be played without ators." Referees have dreamed of for years.

A. B. (Westminster). — "The ical stage is set for a great battle ora." And the best of it is, most those who are taking part in the are unarmed.

C. K. (Derby).—"A woman always has the last word." And very often all the others as well.

TOMMY (Wye).—"What happens to little boys who tell lies?" They travel for half fare.

E. P. (Brighton).—"What would you do if the doctor gave you only one year to live?" Choose 1980!

DORIS (Ingatestone).—"Father complains that my fiancé is a bear!" Did he catch him hugging you?

H. G. (Leeds).—"I am very popular in the club card-room." Don't you ever win?

C. N. E. (Southend).—"After writing this, I have to walk four miles in the rain to post it." Well, we've got to read it.

C. M. (Warwick).—"1861 pennies are worth a lot of money." Yes, £7 15s. 1d. to be exact.

Write to "John Bull" about it!

C. N. (Stoke).—"The contributions I send you are all my own work." Your apology is accepted.

B. R. (Ipswich).—"Why are weeping willows so called?" Perhaps because they droop and are of the pine family.

G. K. C. (Boston).—"America taught Britain a lot during the war." We certainly owe a great deal to America.

O. N. (Wimbledon).—"A famous tennis player is learning the ukulele." Well, every tennis player has his faults.

ACTOR (Brixton).—"People are often too poor to go to plays." More often plays are too poor for people to go to.

M. B. (Taunton).—"Sitting at my door last evening, I distinctly heard the cuckoo. Is this a record?" Very likely, if your neighbour has a gramophone.

E. N. (New Cross).—"I want a girl for our dramatic society who can play the part of a haughty princess." Have you tried at the local post-office?

J. McD. (Glasgow).—"Women are wearing everything thinner in these days." Yes, including their husbands' tempers.

G. D. (Bournemouth).—"I saw two butterflies in my garden yesterday. Where could they have come from?" Grubs, we fancy.

PROFESSOR (Sydenham).—"One can always tell a good singer by the way they hold their notes." Some people we know must have wonderful voices.

D. B. (St. Margarets-on-Thames).—"I found the burglar under the bed and hit him with a gramophone record." So everything, apparently, has its uses.

D. B. (Leicester).—"I am very fond of three girls, and I don't know which to marry." Try the one who doesn't say "No." She's probably dumb.

J. S. (Cardiff).—"A scientist predicts that legs will ultimately disappear." What will the pedestrian do then, poor thing?

E. S. (Walsall).—"The walls of modern bungalows are usually distempered." There's hardly sufficient room for a strong wallpaper.

EMMA (Penistone).—"Few women know the secret of beautiful knees." But nowadays there is no secret about knees.

HAL (Blairgowrie).—"I see that a tribe of Indians in Peru is ruled entirely by its womenfolk." We are also a marrying people.

R. C. (Cardiff).—"I must congratulate you on that great *Bullet* which won for Mr. Irvine." May we congratulate you on making a 2,500 Guineas *Bullet*? See page 39.

T. S. (Glasgow).—"My neighbour's wireless set emits a series of deafening screeches before it manages to tune in." Our neighbour's wireless set merely emits a series of deafening screeches.

T. M. S. (London, E.).—"In a provincial telephone area there have been no complaints of delay in obtaining numbers for over six months." The operators can't really be trying.

T. J. M. (Birmingham).—"The other day a masked bandit held up a post-mistress and threatened to shoot her unless she gave him some stamps." There is another method of getting stamps from a post-office, of course, but it takes much longer.

R. G. (Thetford).—"My wife has made a man of me." And some people say that women don't work hard!

T. S. (Bath).—"He is very rich, but he hasn't a wife or car, and he doesn't play golf." Perhaps that is why he is rich.

A. W. (Purley).—"I should like to write and tell you all I know about relativity." Drop us a picture-postcard.

SCIENTIST (Guiseley).—"Everyone's ear is tuned to a particular vibration." But what is the wavelength of a waitress?

L. F. (Worksop).—"I see many saxophonists are advertising that they are 'now at liberty.'" Who on earth let them out?

E. M. (Hitchin).—"I often wonder where some of our country lanes lead to." Some of them lead to breach-of-promise cases.

C. G. (Bristol).—"The journalist who advised me to send my poems to you is a great friend of mine." He isn't a great friend of ours.

L. R. (Harrow).—"Some people seem determined to live without doing any hard work." Those are the ones who generally end by doing hard labour.

H. B. (Poole).—"A woman recently got £500 damages for the loss of a thumb." Perhaps it was the one she kept her husband under.

R. G. S. (Regent's Park).—"In Burma a man's wife can be seized for debt." And we always thought the Burmese a bit slow!

G. Y. (Ongar).—"Since the invention of the fountain pen, the manufacture of ink has increased tenfold." It's the amount left in our waistcoat pockets that counts.

A. H. (Dorking).—"I always tell people they flatter me when they say I have an intellectual forehead, but don't you think this photograph proves it?" The flattery? Yes.

(Many replies unavoidably held over.)

SIDE-*Slips*

Examples of genuine unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Obvious printers' errors not wanted. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelopes, "Slips."

LIVERPOOL ECHO:—"Here is a mere BOY, who has done more for the club in the last THIRTY YEARS than any other player."

NORTHERN DAILY TELEGRAPH:—"She found the BACK DOOR and the key missing."

LANCASTER OBSERVER:—"Death of ——. There were HUMOROUS floral tributes."

CYLCHGRAWN DEONIAETH ARFON:—"The secretaries ATE Mrs. Jones and Mr. W. G. Turnbull."

HOME TOPICS:—"The shirt was usually white, while the coat was generally made of WHITE STRIPES of VARIOUS COLOURS."

NEW ZEALAND FREE LANCE:—"He has now a tiny son left CHILDLESS at birth."

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN:—"Situations Wanted.—Chartered Accountant, VARIED APPEARANCE."

THE SCOUT:—"A convenient size for a square is TEN inches by SEVEN inches."

SOUTH WALES EVENING EXPRESS:—"THE ROSE was seen dragging eleven hundredweight of coal."

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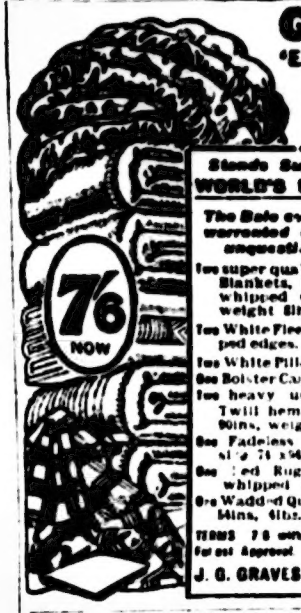

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THE SMASH —*and after*

THE future outlook is being viewed with grave concern by Miss Elizabeth, who has received notification from her approved society that her disablement benefit of 7s. 6d. a week, which she has received for six years, will cease on April 30, as it is considered that she is fit for light home-employment.

Will you help to make it easier to bear?

Elizabeth would like above all things to obtain such work, as it would take her mind off the tragedy of her life. For Elizabeth, at the age of twenty-one, met with an appalling accident. The man to whom she was engaged took her for a ride on his motor-cycle, which collided with a motor-coach.

The man was killed, and Elizabeth, whose legs were broken and badly burned, was taken to hospital, where both legs had to be amputated.

Her parents with whom she lives are old, and Elizabeth is anxious not to be a burden on them in their declining years.

What, therefore, she is to do is a problem that can only be solved by the very charitable-hearted among our readers sending contributions to "The Greatest of These —" Fund to raise a sum to start Elizabeth in some self-supporting work. This will be a good deed, and "he who does a good deed is instantly ennobled."

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We are grateful to our readers who, in response to our appeal for disused gramophone records, have sent the following:

Anon (Banff), 29; Mrs. Davenport (Moss Side), 42; F. Bond (Greenheys), 22; Vernon (Nottingham), 16.

All consignments sent to "Records," 89, Rusholme Road, Manchester, where they are converted into money for the fund, will be acknowledged by us week by week.

All subscriptions in money must be sent, as usual, to the Hon. Secretary, JOHN BULL War Sufferers' Fund, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

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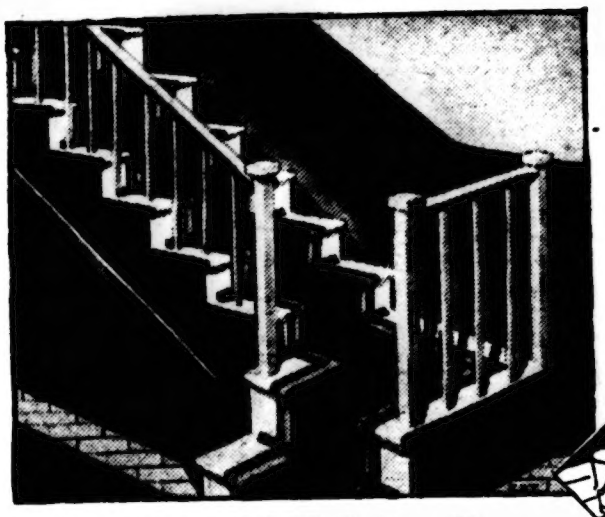

"JOHN BULL" Pays

£100 Yet another fall downstairs has resulted fatally for one of our registered readers —Mrs. E. W. Tiplady, 49, Third Estate, Barlby Road, Selby, Yorks. JOHN BULL has dispatched to her husband a cheque for £100 under JOHN BULL'S Great Free Insurance.

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Signature.....

Address.....

Date.....

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Reader's Signature

Age.....

Address.....

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Name and Address of Newsagent .....

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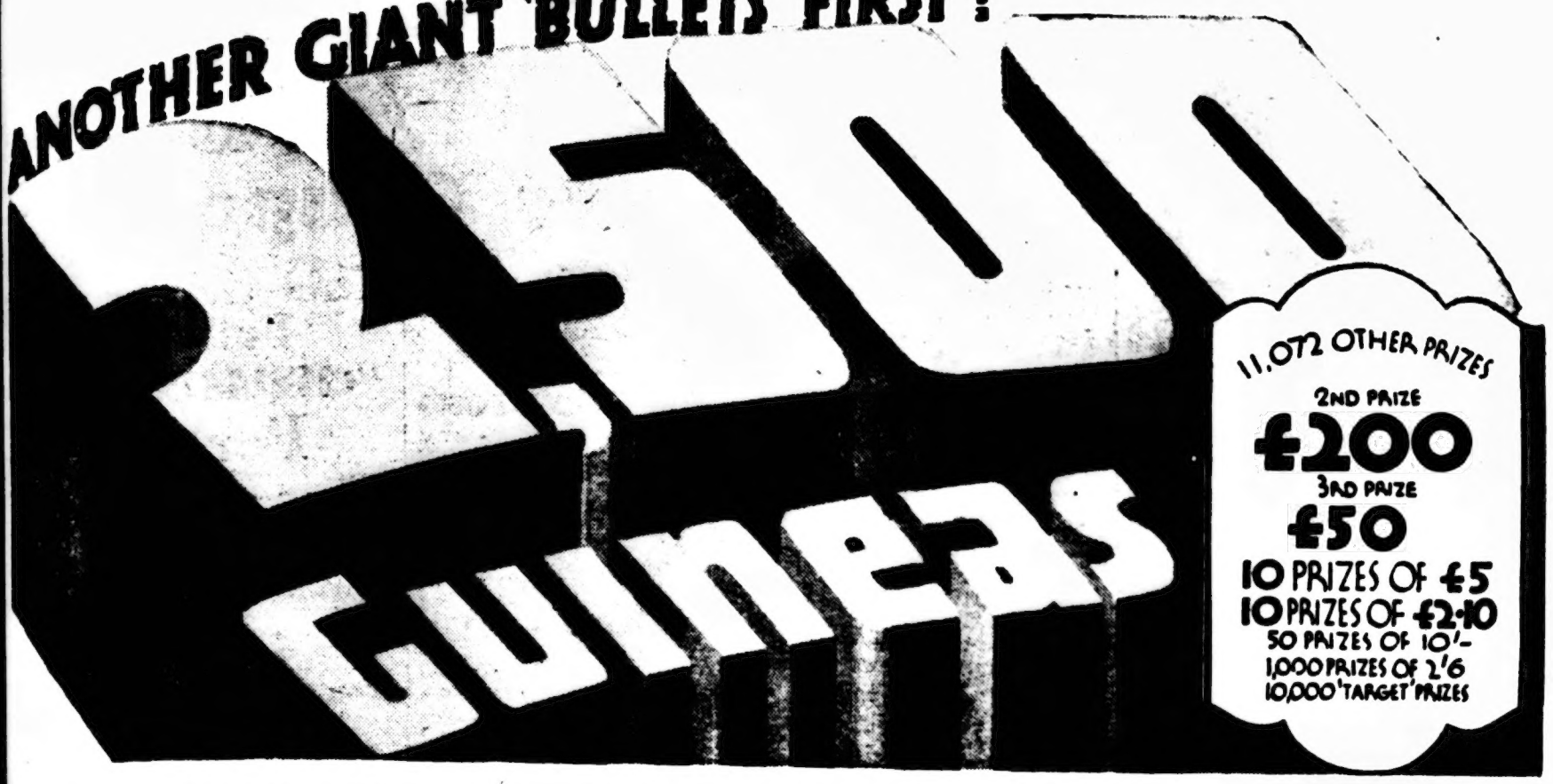

HUGE SUM WAITING FOR A FEW WORDS!

THREE weeks ago we announced the winner of a mighty "Guineas" First for a *Bullet*—to-day JOHN BULL again throws open to you the gates of fortune. For the best ***Bullet*** entered in this contest we shall pay the enormous prize of 2,500 Guineas, and there are hundreds of other cash awards awaiting your efforts.

All you have to do is to add any TWO, THREE or FOUR WORDS of apt and original comment to one of the *Examples* adjoining. Here is a specimen: suppose you choose the *Example* CLUTCHING HAND, the added words AMERICA "EXTENDING TO EUROPE" would complete a typical *Bullet*.

Study the winning *Bullets* below before making your attack on the 2,500 Guineas.

You could have hit upon any of the efforts which have captured prizes this week, so why shouldn't one of your *Bullets* carry off the Giant First?

When we despatch the winner's telegram on Friday, May 30, its wonderful news may be addressed to you!

CASH AND LUXURY GIFTS WON THIS WEEK.

FIRST PRIZE OF £500, COMPETITION No. 755.

Mrs. D. Knight, 42, High Street, Blaina, Mon.
Example:—WANTS WAKING UP
Bullet:—COUNTRY THAT "CALLED" YOU.

SECOND PRIZE OF £50:

H. A. Shipsey, 114, North Road, Hull.
Example—Spring-cleaning Offensive
Bullet—Covers Everywhere—"Cover" Nowhere
(Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)

THIRD PRIZE OF £25:

V. Sweeting, "St. Margaret's," Beckenham Road, Guildford.
Example—Whizzing Along
Bullet—With "Angel"—With Angels!

20 PRIZES OF £5 EACH:

ALLSOP, Curbar, via Sheffield.
Good Sense Never "Going By Chance."
BARLOW, 5, Brooklands Cottages, Hornchurch, Essex.
Wants Waking Up—Parliament—And Calm-ing Down.
H. BURRELL, 61, South Road, Faversham, Kent.
He's Shortsighted, So—Village Postmaster Hasn't Heard.
MISS D. F. CHAPPELL, 11, King Edward Road, New Barnet.
Reaping The Benefit—Land Usurer, Not User.
(Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)

"BULLETS" RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received and the other prizes in order of merit, the value being cleverness, aptness and originality. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet submitted shall have careful consideration by the competent staff of qualified judges.
2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be purchased at the rate of 6d. for each coupon you use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed & Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
3. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this offer is an express condition of entry.
4. Employees of Odhams Press and their families are not eligible to compete.

A. COLE, Thornton Row, Crosshouse, Kilmarnock.
Wireless Is Wonderful, But—Neighbours "Turn On" Me!
C. S. DAVIES, 73, Cornerswell Road, Penarth, S. Wales.
Grinding His Teeth—Profiteer, When "Nerve Exposed."
B. R. DOWDING, 9, Red Hill Road, Airedale, Castleford, Yorks.
Their Home—Going—Forgot Love's "Instalment."
G. ELLIOTT, 2, Park Place, Greenwich, S.E.
All My Life—Filmed—Wouldn't Convince Missus.
E. E. FOX, 67, Portland Road, West Bridgford, Notts.
He's Shortsighted, So—Mounts Soap-box—Reviews World.
S. E. FREEMAN, Bungalow, Tadmarton, near Banbury.
Grinding His Teeth—When "Lion" Isn't Yawning.
M. HACKFORTH, Hurst Side Cottage, West Molesey.
Beyond Our Dreams—Nothing, When Love's "Pillow."
E. HART, 20, Nelson Street, Ilkeston.
Wireless Is Wonderful, But—Listeners-in "Singing Out."
A. JARVIS, 31, Daniel Street, Cadoxton, Barry, Glam.
Their Home—First Thing Car "Wrecked."
W. KERRISH, 55, Jackson St., Cheadle, Ches.
Grinding His Teeth—American Appears—But Isn't!
MISS E. LAYERMAN, 58, The Grove, Ealing, London, W.
All My Life—"Flashed Past"—Then Motorist.
MRS. F. MILBURN, Hutton-Rudby, Yorks.
Cripples—Unless Civilisation Calls "Halt."
(Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)
MISS M. V. MOSS, 16, Brightwell Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea.
Spring-cleaning Offensive—Bar "Invaded"—Parlour "Evacuated."
A. J. PERCIVAL, (staff) Parcel Post Office, G.P.O., Liverpool.
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MRS. A. L. ROBERTSON, 15, Montpelier, Edinburgh.
Why Trade Is Dying—Everybody Explaining—That's Explanation.
A. LE ROSSIGNOL, 5, York Street, Jersey, C.I.
Their Home—Only "Box," But Matchless.

ALL PRIZES HAVE BEEN POSTED.

A list of 25 Canteen and 500 2s. 6d. prize-winners can be seen at these offices.

Advance details of "Bullets" No. 759 will be found on page 38.

Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 759

CLUTCHING HAND
IN HIS SHIRT SLEEVES
SILENCE
HE PACKED HIS BAG AND
ACCORDING TO THE LAW
WHEN I'VE A COLD
REGRETS
NOT IN LOVE
LUCKY DAY
SHE WOULDN'T CARE IF
WITH A MIGHTY SHOVE
GIVING MONEY AWAY
IN ANTICIPATION
FLAME OF LOVE

DISILLUSIONED
MAN WITH A SMILE
COME ALONG, SUMMER
"THAT'S BETTER!"
FOR REASONS UNKNOWN
AS FAR AS I CAN SEE
OUT OF BUSINESS
MY VIEW
NOBODY TO TALK TO
ROARS OF LAUGHTER
MR. MUDDLER
STILL GOES ON
WHEN SHE'S ASKED

DISGRACE TO THE FAMILY
MAINLY
CAN'T BE BOTHERED
ON THE SPOT
O FOR THE DAYS WHEN
IF ALL GOES WELL
FLOURISHING
LOW-DOWN TRICK
A SMALL MATTER
LOOKING AT BRITAIN
BLOT ON THE LANDSCAPE
MOVING WITH THE TIMES
LIKE THE REST OF US

Example _____ Closing SAT., May 17
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(759) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing SAT., May 17
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(759) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing SAT., May 17.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(759) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing SAT., May 17.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(759) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.
Signed _____
Address _____

If you wish to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

Address Coupons: "Bullets" No. 759, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)

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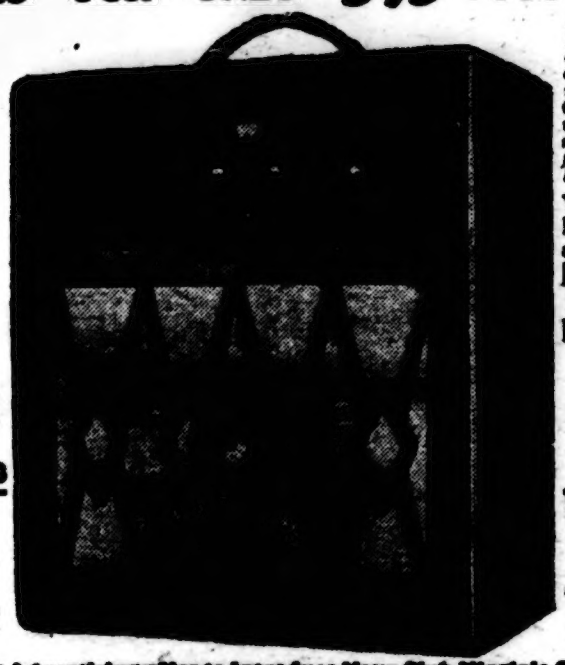

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